# **Concordia** Connect

2025 Term 2 Week 8

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## From the Campus Principals

As we approach the mid-point of the year, it is a wonderful time to pause and reflect on the learning, growth and progress taking place across Concordia College. From the classroom to the community, our students are engaging in meaningful and relevant learning experiences, while our dedicated staff continue to innovate and collaborate to support the educational growth of every learner. We are excited to share some of the highlights and milestones from recent months— as we work towards our shared vision for a thriving and future-focused learning community.

### Strategic goals

A strategic goal across all three campuses is the development of signature experiences. Signature experiences are distinctive, high-impact learning opportunities or programs that reflect the unique identity, values and educational philosophy of each campus. Signature experiences are intentionally designed to leave a lasting impression on students. At the St Peters Campus, we are currently trialing units in Year 2/3 and ELC that are based on service and sustainability. These signature experiences will be rolled out across all year levels in 2026.

At Concordia Campus, we have introduced a range of new subjects this year, with the restructure of Year 10 into Senior School. Students have individualised pathways, ensuring they are preparing for their future beyond secondary school. These pathways often include learning outside of the ‘classroom’, such as vocational education, university study and other recognised learning.

At St John’s Campus, our focus for 2025 is to design learning experiences that reflect the wonderings, needs and strengths of our students. During Term 2, our staff have created new and unique learning experiences that stretch and engage students in their interests and passions, including:

- Introduction of an extra-curricular LEGO engineering club
- Introduction of a Year 2 Strings Music program
- Growth in the offerings of our Sports program
- Student-led sustainability initiative focused on recycling and composting
- Year 5 business and entrepreneurial learning experiences

### Recent Achievements

At Concordia Campus, two da Vinci Decathlon teams (Year 7 and Year 9) competed against 24 schools throughout the competition. The standard is extremely high. Often students are completing tasks several years above their chronological year level. Our teams represented us with pride, gaining exceptional results across a wide range of subjects.

Our teams had eight top five places across seven of the disciplines, demonstrating their broad range and depth of knowledge application.

Student leaders across the College, recently led a service initiative in support of the “Salvos

Sleepout", raising over $10,000 for charity, and of course ensuring many teachers were 'dunked' with freezing water at lunchtime. Service-learning opportunities at Concordia teach students about different needs of others in our world, and our call as Christians to serve them.

As we move into Term 3, we look forward to continuing to provide experiences that support the holistic development of our amazing students, all from ELC to Year 12.

**Paul Bannister**
Principal – St John's Campus

**Bronwyn Wilson**
Principal – St Peters Campus

**Penny McKenzie**
Principal – Concordia Campus

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## Year 9 Restless Dance Theatre

During Week 8, Year 9 Dance students had the enriching opportunity to visit Restless Dance Theatre, Australia's leading disability-led dance company, in the Adelaide CBD. Students attended a performance of *Seeing Through Darkness*, an evocative and powerful work inspired by the art of Georges Rouault.

Following the performance, students participated in a dynamic workshop led by Artistic Director Michelle Ryan and Artistic Associate Larissa McGowan. They learned a section of choreography from the production and had the unique opportunity to dance alongside and connect with members of the company. Students also explored movement creation using words and images as stimuli, which inspired their own creative responses.

It was a deeply inspiring experience that challenged perceptions, encouraged empathy and highlighted the power of inclusive practice in the Arts.

**Carla Bigiolli**
Dance & Drama Teacher – St John's Campus
Dance Teacher – Concordia Campus

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## Music Notes

## String Soirée

Our annual String Soirée took place on Friday 6 June at 5:00pm in the Chapel, showcasing the incredible talent and musical growth of our students. From the youngest members of the St John's Campus String Ensemble in Reception to our most advanced Senior String Ensemble musicians, the evening was a beautiful celebration of string music. Audiences were captivated by the expressive performances, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the performers and their dedicated ensemble directors for an inspiring evening of music.

## Winter Winds

On Thursday 12 June, the Chapel resonated with the sounds of over 120 students from Years 4–12 as they performed in our annual Winter Winds concert. The event highlighted the diversity and energy of our school's band program, featuring performances from the Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, St John's Campus Band, Rock Bands 1 and 2, Funk Band, and Big Bands 1 and 2.

A particularly moving moment of the evening was the farewell to Mr Tom Voss, who will be departing at the end of the term to pursue further study in Europe. Mr Voss has made a lasting impact on our music community through his exceptional teaching, passion and deep musical knowledge. He will be greatly missed by staff and students alike.

Thank you to all the musicians and staff who contributed to these wonderful events. Your commitment and enthusiasm continue to enrich the life of our Music Department.

**Kellie Rich**
Head of Music Performance ELC–12

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# Exploring Water Bugs: A Splashing Success for St Peters Campus

Our Year 2/3 and 3/4 students from St Peters Campus recently embarked on an exciting aquatic adventure — a hands-on Science excursion exploring the fascinating world of aquatic macroinvertebrates!

Armed with nets, trays and plenty of curiosity, students visited a local waterway to investigate the tiny creatures that call it home. With the help of Aquatic Macroinvertebrate ID Key Charts, they carefully identified water bugs like mayfly nymphs, water boatmen and even the occasional dragonfly larva!

This excursion was not only a fun outdoor experience but also a valuable learning opportunity. Students discovered how these small creatures can tell us a lot about the health of our waterways. They practised observation, teamwork and scientific thinking—all while getting their feet a little wet!

Back in the classroom, students were encouraged to take the ID charts home and continue their exploration in safe, local water spots. As one student put it, *“It was like being a real scientist!”*

We’re so proud of our young ecologists and their enthusiasm for the natural world.

**Kathryn Watkins**
Year 2 Teacher

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## The Frog Prince

In Week 5, our Year 1 and Year 2 students were treated to a magical live performance of *The Frog Prince*, presented by State Opera South Australia. This exciting opportunity immersed students in the wonder of theatre, as they watched talented performers bring a creative and modern twist to the classic fairytale.

The performance beautifully connected with our current Units of Inquiry, exploring themes of sustainability, caring for the planet, and the importance of animals, recycling and reusing. Students were captivated by the story and its meaningful messages, while also enjoying plenty of laughter and music along the way.

Here’s what some of our students had to say:

*“The funniest part was when the frog took a selfie and said he didn’t know his nostrils looked so big!”* **– Vivienne**

*“The best part was when the frog and the girl were falling down the drain into the sewer.”* – **Oliver and Edward**

*“I liked when they changed characters and turned into the ‘cool kids’ at school. They were so funny!”* **– Ariana**

*“My favourite character was the Frog Prince because he stood up to the bully.”* **– Charlotte**

*“I liked the part in the story when the girl lost her phone, and the frog said he’d help her find it. But after her whole adventure with the frogs, she actually forgot all about her phone because she was making friends.”* **– Veronica**

*“I loved the singing. It was so nice.”* **– Florence**

*“I loved everything!”* **– Parki and Margo**

*“The story has so many funny parts, like when the people acting were pretending to do flips”* **– Thomas and Theo**

This performance sparked imagination, joy and thoughtful connections to their classroom

learning—a wonderful reminder of the power of the performing arts.

**Carla Bigiolli**
Dance & Drama Teacher – St John's Campus
Dance Teacher – Concordia Campus

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## Please Support our Annual Appeal Before 30 June

**Please show your support of Concordia by making a tax-deductible donation to our Annual Appeal before Monday 30 June!**

Your donation of any amount enables vital projects that benefit both current and future students—proof that when many people come together, even small contributions can create lasting change.

**Paul Weinert**
Head of College

*Please take the time to read about these worthy opportunities that you can support to benefit our students. View the Annual Appeal or visit the 'Giving to Concordia' page on our website for more information.*

Donate Online (opens an external website)
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## Year 12 Drama – The Thing About Love

The Year 12 Drama class presented an original new play, 'The Thing About Love', last week in two sold-out performances. This ambitious play was written by me based on student ideas and workshops exploring themes and ideas about love and relationships.

This ensemble piece followed 11 characters on their path to finding 'true love', moving back and forth through time as they attended each other's weddings and celebrations. The Drama Centre was transformed into a wedding reception, inviting the audience to pull up a table and be guests at five weddings, and a birthday party where the birthday girl threw a surprise wedding for herself! The play explored the many and varied forms of love, break-ups and make-ups, destiny, fate, friends who become lovers and the astonishing commitment to loving and honouring oneself before being able to truly love another person.

The cast performed with excellent comic timing and energy, bringing the audience right into the action and even inviting them up for compulsory wedding dances like the Nutbush and

Macarena, but also handled the emotional arcs of the characters with sincerity.

The production was publicly reviewed by Kym Clayton from the Theatre Association of South Australia who said *'Congratulations to all involved in bringing this delightfully engaging play to the stage. The audience loved it.'*

You can read the full review on the TASA website.

A special thank you to the Friends of Performing Arts who arranged catering for the event and to **Jude (12TMCC)**, **Sherry (11RAMO)** and **Mimi (8TFIS)** who played live pre-show music before the performances.

We are looking forward to reviving this production for the Adelaide Fringe in 2026.

**Aldo Longobardi**
Drama Coordinator

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## Enrichment and Extended Learning News

### Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of two of our Year 9 students who recently represented Concordia at the Legacy Public Speaking Award, in two heats. This prestigious national competition highlights the vital work of the Legacy organisation, which supports more than 30,000 families of veterans. With the help of over 3,000 dedicated volunteers, Legacy ensures that those in their care are empowered to live meaningful and supported lives.

Participants in the award are invited to speak on one of Legacy's core ideals. **Eva (9ALAM)** delivered a thoughtful and moving speech on the importance of care, compassion and connection, while **Sophia (9ALAM)** explored the profound impact of voluntary service. Both students spoke with confidence, clarity and conviction, impressing the adjudicators with their insight and maturity. We are thrilled to share that Sophia has been selected to compete in the South Australian State Final in September.

Well done to both Eva and Sophia on their inspiring efforts!

### 26 Book Challenge

Students who are participating in this year's challenge are reminded to visit the library to

receive passport stamps as they complete books from specific categories. While there, check out the incredible library displays to support the challenge. Stock up on books for your school holiday reading. Passports will be due in Term 4, Week 5. Read more details here.

### National Youth Science Forum STEM Hub (NYSF) for Students Year 10–12

Many Concordia students choose to pursue careers in the STEM field beyond school. Registrations are now open for the National Youth Science STEM Hub in Adelaide (14–18 July). A STEM Hub is a non-residential STEM experience where you can connect with STEM pathways and careers. Students gain exclusive behind-the-scenes experiences typically inaccessible to the public and connect with STEM professionals—a crucial networking opportunity for their future. Whether students are passionate about robotics, biomedicine, astronomy, biology or anything in between, STEM Hubs can show students what a STEM career is really like!

Participants can:

- participate in tours of science and technology facilities
- learn about cutting-edge research
- engage with industry partners and research providers
- learn about university, training and STEM career pathways
- mix with other like-minded students
- attend social activities.

There is a program fee of $50. Click here to register.

**Emma Rieger**
Enrichment and Extended Learning

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## St John's Campus Year 1 Zoo Excursion

Our Year 1 students from St John’s Campus recently enjoyed an exciting excursion to the Adelaide Zoo as part of their inquiry into living things. During the visit, students explored a variety of animal habitats and investigated what animals need to survive.

A highlight of the day was a hands-on education session where students had the opportunity to design an animal enclosure. Using their scientific observation skills and critical thinking, they carefully considered how to meet the needs of a Hosmer’s Skink.

It was a wonderful day of learning and discovery, helping students to deepen their understanding of the natural world in a fun and engaging way.

**Lauren Humphrys and Jacqui Lovett**
Year 1 Teachers

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## German Film Festival

Each year, Palace Nova cinemas host a German Film Festival. In conjunction with the Festival, screenings of selected films are held for school students. On Friday of Week 7, the Year 10 and 11 German students attended a screening of Sieger Sein ("Winners"), an entertaining and gripping film that tells the story of a young Kurdish refugee from Syria, who ultimately gains acceptance in her new school in Berlin through her soccer prowess. As well as being highly enjoyable, the film provided the students with insights into contemporary German youth culture and issues faced by migrants, as well as an opportunity to develop their aural language skills and use their German outside of the classroom environment. Thank you to Frau Prenzler for organising the excursion.

**Judy Harris and Kathy Breitweg**
German teachers

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## ELC Little Link Up

Earlier in the term, the children from both of our Early Learning Centres had the opportunity to connect via a video call. It was lovely to catch up with each other and share a bit about what we have been learning about so far this term.

The children from St Peters Campus ELC shared a song (My Lighthouse) and performed the actions and the children from St John's Campus ELC chose a story (Warna-Manda Baby) for us to read over the video.

Sharing this positive virtual interaction not only fosters a sense of connection and community but also enriches children's social and emotional development. These moments of virtual engagement help children build relationships beyond their immediate environment, encouraging empathy, curiosity and communication. By embracing simple yet meaningful opportunities like this, we can create joyful learning experiences that leave lasting impressions—reminding us all of the power of connection, even from a distance.

**Sarah Midson**
ELC Director – St Peters Campus

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## Join the Concordia College Team for the 2025 City to Bay!

This year, our P&F will be entering a team in the City–Bay Fun Run. Please save the date and join our team!

- Date: **Sunday 21 September 2025**

We'd love to see as many members of our community as possible walk, run or wheelchair in this year's City to Bay event! Whether you're up for:

- 3 km
- 6 km
- 12 km
- Or even a Half Marathon!

There's a distance for everyone—students, staff, families and friends! Let's make it a fun and memorable day together!

Click to Join Our Team  (opens an external website in a new window)

Simply enter:

- your details
- your chosen race type
- choose would you like to join a team – and select Concordia College

Enjoy the following benefits:

- Great community connection opportunity
- Choose your preferred race distance
- Free Mt Franklin water
- Free transport to and from the finish/start lines (available until 2:00pm)
- Participants' medal
- Bragging rights!

All participants are invited to a Concordia community gathering at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg. We will have our own tent and light refreshments.

We hope to see you there!

**Darren Klingner**
P&F President

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## Year 11 Business Innovation Pop-up Market Stalls

During Week 6 the Year 11 Business Innovation students hosted a pop-up market in the College Quad at lunchtime. In groups the students planned, marketed, manufactured and sold various products and hosted a festival-style basketball game. Products included baked goods, customised jelly cups and hair products, all homemade. The groups were largely successful with the pop-up businesses and the market was enthusiastically attended. The students

completed three assessments using this real-world experience to inform their assessments. After paying back investors (expenses) all profits will be donated to a charity chosen by the class. Thanks to all who supported this learning experience.

**Brendan Whatley**
Business Innovation Teacher

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## Young Engineers After School LEGO Club

In Term 3 St John's Campus is again partnering with Young Engineers Australia to ignite students' passions for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), through practical LEGO-based experiences.

Through engaging demonstrations and building LEGO prototypes of real-world machines, students learn:

- physics
- mathematics
- mechanical engineering
- software engineering

Problem solving, critical thinking and collaboration are also key elements of the program.

The LEGO Club program is open to students in Years 1 to 6. After school sessions will run as follows and will continue for nine weeks:

- Years 1 and 2: Tuesdays, beginning on Tuesday 29 July
- Years 3 to 6: Wednesdays, beginning on Wednesday 30 July.

Download a flyer for more information.

Registrations Open with Limited Places Available

Places are limited, so if your child is interested in attending, please register using the QR code on the flyer or the relevant button below. Note: the program is coordinated and managed by Young Engineers Australia.

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

Register for Year 1 and 2 (opens an external website in a new window) Register for Years 3 to 6 (opens an external website in a new window)

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## School Holiday Program

In the July school holidays, Young Engineers Australia are running 'Speedsters: Automobile and Aviation' Robotics and Engineering Camp at our St John's Campus. Places are limited.

Download a flyer for more information or click here to book online.

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## Artwork Unveiling

On Thursday 5 June, we were honoured to welcome Kaurna Elder Michael O'Brien and artist Damien Shen, a South Australian man of Ngarrindjeri (Aboriginal) and Chinese descent to the College. We formally acknowledged the extraordinary work Damien and his daughter Kalani (Year 8 student) have done in producing a portrait of Michael, who is such a respected cultural leader. The painting has been gifted to the College and now hangs in the main corridor in our Winchester Street 'Hub' building.

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## Kelly Sports in Term 3 at St Peters Campus

Kelly Sports are running one-hour sessions for students in Reception to Year 3 at St Peters Campus in Term 3, covering the following sports:

- Football
- Hockey
- Soccer
- Basketball

This is a great way for children to build skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. Download a flyer for more information or visit the Kelly Sports website to register.

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## Year 9 Science Rollercoaster Construction with Flinders University

A Flinders University STEM Team visited Concordia on Tuesday 17 June to lead an activity where students built miniature rollercoasters. Year 9 students used physics to figure out how to make their roller coasters as fast and exciting as possible. This included bumps and jumps as well as the challenge of investigating how many loops could be included for a ‘safe’ rollercoaster ride.

**Shane Schoff**
Science Coordinator

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## Explore Futures

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to Explore Futures—an incredible opportunity to gain information about possible future career paths from a range of organisations and people working across a variety of industries such as allied health, law, social services and many more. Parents and caregivers are also encouraged to attend.

- **Date: Tuesday 5 August 2025**
- **Time: 4.30–7.00pm**
- **Location: Upstairs Murtoa Building and G Rooms**

Students will have the opportunity to attend up to six presentations that are most interesting to them, with each session lasting 15 minutes. There will also be time for information gathering and asking questions.

We hope many students and parents will join us for this exciting opportunity to gain real-world insights into possible career paths for the future. We trust this time will be beneficial for students and parents as you prepare for the Year 10 and Year 11 subject selection process and Year 12 post-school career and study choices (including SATAC applications).

For more information, please contact me via email.

**Lloyd Oppelaar**
Futures Coordinator

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## Year 9 Music Explorations Performance

The Year 9 Music Explorations students performed in a welcoming setting in the Narthex, as guests arrived for the 'Winter Winds' concert on Thursday, 12 June. The Year 9 Music Explorations students have been exploring Blues music, and performed several well-known Blues classics, featuring improvised solos by all members of the band.

**Lee Pfitzner**
Music Coordinator

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## King's Birthday Honours for two Old Concordians

Congratulations to two of our Old Concordians who recently received King's Birthday Awards:

- Christopher Pfeiffer (1962) was named a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, to the printing and tourism

industries and to the community
- Paul Otto (1974) received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community through a range of charitable organisations.

These are extraordinary achievements and we are very proud of the significant contributions that Christopher and Paul have made in these areas over many years.

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## Pedal Prix – Adelaide 6 Hour Race

On Sunday 15 June the Concordia Pedal Prix teams competed in Round 3 at Victoria Park against 110 school teams from around Australia. Our five teams competed well throughout the day, navigating slippery conditions in the opening hours of the race before the track dried out to allow our teams to perform at their best.

Our Middle School teams were consistent across the day with our students continuing to show significant improvement as they become more experienced on track. One of the highlights for the day was seeing team *Concorde* climb their way to finish in sixth. A flat tyre set them back around lunchtime, but with consistent lap times they were able to move their way up the field to only miss fifth position by less than five seconds on the final lap. They are looking to be super competitive in the next race this season.

Our senior teams worked closely to support each other for the entire day. Starting on the front row of the grid, our senior team *Costa* began strongly before being involved in a big accident into the race wall. Getting back on all three wheels the team crawled their way back to fifth place by the end of the race, which was an outstanding effort by all riders putting them in strong contention for a podium position in the final two rounds.

Thank you to our staff and parents for all their work in the lead up and across the weekend. We look forward to racing at Tailem Bend for eight hours on Saturday 2 August.

Results

| Team | Category Position | Laps |
|---|---|---|
| Costa (S3) | 5th | 178 |
| Raptor (S3) | 33rd | 135 |
| Concorde (S2) | 6th | 148 |
| Veloci (S2) | 30th | 121 |
| Shockwave (S2) | 35th | 115 |

**Matthew Smart**
Pedal Prix Coordinator

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## Two-day School Holiday Dance Program for Year 2, 3 and 4 Students

In the July school holidays, Concordia students in Years 2, 3 and 4 are invited to an engaging two-day dance workshop with Ms Carla Bigiolli, our Concordia College Dance teacher. Children will build confidence, learn new skills and connect with others through creativity and movement.

- Dates: Thursday 10 July and Friday 11 July
- Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Location: Dance Studio, Level 1, Fortiter - 40 Cheltenham St, Highgate SA 5063

Cost

- Concordia students: $220 (discounted)
- Non-Concordia students: $300 (full fee)

Places are limited, so please register ASAP via the button below.

Register  (opens an external website in a new window)
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## Just Lawful – Legal Studies excursion

On Tuesday of Week 6, Year 11 and Year 12 Legal Studies students attended an interactive “Just Lawful” presentation at the University of South Australia. Co-hosted by Daniel Panozzo and The Advertiser’s chief court reporter Sean Fewster, the presentation took the audience through the different stages of a criminal case, from the incident itself to the handing down of the sentence. At each point, students were encouraged to think critically and examine their own biases and assumptions. The evening concluded with all in the audience pondering the question of whether we have a justice system, or simply a legal system. The event was an excellent opportunity for the students to develop their critical thinking skills and gain insight into the criminal law system, as well as the challenges faced by jury members.

"The Just Lawful presentation was interesting and challenged my thinking around bias." **– Jack 12SSCH**

**Judy Harris and Brendan Whatley**
Legal Studies Teachers

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## SchoolTV Special Report

NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is celebrated by all Australians and is a great opportunity to recognise and

learn more about the history and culture of Indigenous communities.

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced back to the Aboriginal rights movement, when on Australia Day 1938, protestors marched through the streets of Sydney to highlight the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Today, it is a week-long celebration held in July that consists of range of traditional and contemporary activities.

NAIDOC Week is an important event that helps build positive relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. It enables a deeper understanding of our differences and similarities and is a great opportunity for all Australians to eliminate bias and discrimination by reflecting and reconciling the wrongs of the past to facilitate hope and build a fairer future. Families are encouraged to join in and support young people in learning the significance of NAIDOC Week.

This Special Report offers suggestions on how families can celebrate NAIDOC Week together. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please seek medical or professional help.

Read the Special Report (opens an external website)
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## St Peters Campus Year 5/6 Chinese Excursion

Last week, the Year 5/6 students from St Peters Campus had the exciting opportunity to explore elements of Chinese culture during our excursion to a martial arts dojo and Chinatown in the city.

Our day began at the Kung Fu dojo, where students participated in a workshop led by experienced instructors. We learned a variety of basic Kung Fu stances, movements and self-discipline techniques. More than just physical activity, the session taught us about the core values of martial arts—respect, self-control, focus and tradition. These are deeply connected to Chinese cultural beliefs and were demonstrated in the way we bowed, listened and moved with care.

After the dojo, we walked through Chinatown, taking time to observe Chinese symbols, lanterns, signage and architecture. We discussed the significance of these features and how they reflect history, beliefs and the rich traditions of the Chinese community in Adelaide.

The day finished with a delicious lunch at a local Chinese restaurant. Students enjoyed tasting a variety of traditional dishes including crispy spring rolls, tasty dumplings, honey chicken and steamed rice. For many, it was a chance to try something new and appreciate the flavour and variety of Chinese cuisine.

The excursion was a wonderful hands-on learning experience that helped bring our studies of Asian cultures to life. Through martial arts, cultural landmarks and shared food, we gained a

deeper understanding of the values, traditions and celebrations that shape Chinese culture.

A big ‘Thank You’ to Ms Nolan for all her planning and organisation for this excursion.

**Matthew Webster**
Year 5/6 Teacher – St Peters Campus

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## Reminder: Year 9 Drama Presents 'The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon' by Don Zolidis

A reminder that tonight, Thursday 19 June at 6:30pm, our Year 9 Drama students will perform *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* by Don Zolidis. In a madcap and fast-paced show, two narrators and a cast of actors attempt to tell all of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales in one hour!

This semester, students have been exploring physical performance styles and the conventions of Melodrama and will showcase their skills in this public performance. Entry is free, so come along for a laugh!

**Daniel Lynch**
Drama Teacher

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## Design, Technology and Engineering Volunteers

This year, we’ve had the privilege of welcoming back two outstanding Old Concordians—Sterling Corcoran and Amalia Oliver—who have generously volunteered their time to mentor our Year 12 Design, Technology and Engineering students.

Both Sterling and Amalia were awarded SACE Merits in 2024 and have returned with not only exceptional expertise, but also fresh, firsthand insight into achieving success at the highest level. Their guidance has already made a meaningful and inspiring impact on our current cohort.

Their involvement is a powerful testament to the strong sense of community at Concordia, where excellence fosters generosity, and former students continue to shape the future by supporting those who follow in their footsteps. We are sincerely grateful for their contributions.

**Shane Beitz**
Design, Technology and Engineering Coordinator

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## Save the Date for 'Voices of Concordia' and 'Concordia in Concert'

### Voices of Concordia

Save the date for a wonderful evening of music by our talented choirs and vocal ensembles, with a special pre-show event featuring a number of soloists.

- **Date: Thursday 31 July**
- **Time:**
  - **6pm pre-show event featuring soloists in the Narthex**
  - **7pm concert (Chapel doors open at 6.45pm)**
- **Location: Concordia College Chapel**

Friends of Performing Arts will be selling non-alcoholic drinks and snacks from 5:45pm before the concert.

We hope to see you there for an incredible evening of music!

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### Concordia in Concert

We have some exciting things planned for Concordia in Concert 2025 and we hope you will join us! More details will follow next term, but for now please save the date!

- **Date: Friday 19 September**
- **Time: Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start**
- **Location: Fortiter Gymnasium, Concordia Campus**

Stay tuned for booking details in Term 3!

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## Sailing Team 2024/2025 Season Recap

The 2024/2025 season was a strong one for our Concordia sailing team, with plenty of great races and standout efforts throughout.

Two of the season's highlights were the Metro Regatta and the State Championships. Metros gave us ideal weather and close, competitive racing all day, which made for some really exciting sailing and great team results.

The State Championships were held in Goolwa, and once again we were lucky with the conditions. Over three full days of racing, the team performed exceptionally and took a lot away from the experience. We finished in seventh place overall after a tough final morning, just missing out on the finals, but it was still a result of which to be proud.

Well done to everyone who sailed this season. The effort, improvement and teamwork across the board were awesome. Congratulations on a great season!

**Emily Ward**
Sailing Coordinator

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## 2025 School Photos – Term 3, Week 3

Please note that *advancedlife* will be visiting Concordia College to take photos at all three campuses in Week 3 of Term 3, 2025 (week beginning Monday 4 August).

We appreciate your assistance with ensuring your child has the correct uniform for school photographs and that hair and accessories are as per the uniform guidelines:

- ELC and Primary School Uniform Information
- Middle and Senior School Uniform Information

More information will be distributed to families soon.

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## Making Waves for Our Oceans and Our Earth

This month, St Peters Campus came alive with curiosity and hands-on learning as we celebrated World Environment Day (5 June) and World Oceans Day (8 June). World Environment Day encourages everyone to take action to protect our natural world, reminding us that every small change counts—from reducing waste to caring for local habitats. World Oceans Day highlights the beauty and importance of our oceans and the need to reduce pollution and protect marine life for future generations.

To mark these days, a special display featuring real baleen, dolphin and whale bones, pieces of coral and other ocean artefacts gave students a unique opportunity to see and touch parts of our marine world up close. As they explored the display and joined in discussions, students asked thoughtful questions, shared ideas and reflected deeply on how our actions affect the planet. It has been inspiring to see them connect their learning to practical ways they can help care for our environment, both at school and at home.

A huge thank you to Mrs Molloy, who organised this fascinating display that sparked such valuable conversations, wonder and action among our students.

**Nicolle Jakube**
Primary School Learning Leader – St Peters Campus

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## Exploring the Power of Imagination

Our ELC children are seen as capable, creative thinkers with a deep sense of curiosity about the world. This was beautifully evident during our recent Child-Led Conferences using the central idea of *“Imagination helps us to think, create and explore”*.

The Child-Led Conference was designed to honour the voices of our youngest learners. Each child had the opportunity to share their unique perspective on how imagination shapes their play, learning and relationships.

During the conference, families were invited into the learning spaces where children proudly presented their projects, play narratives and thinking processes.

Imaginative play is more than just fun—it is a powerful foundation for learning. Through role-play, storytelling and inventing, children build language, collaboration skills, problem-solving abilities and emotional intelligence. The conference helped families gain insight into how these playful, imaginative moments are deeply connected to learning and social development.

We are so proud of the children’s confidence, creativity and leadership during this event, and we thank our families for their ongoing partnership and encouragement. Together, we continue to nurture a community where imagination is not only welcomed—it is celebrated.

**Sarah Neill**
ELC Coordinator

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## Write a Book in a Day

Last Friday 13 June, *Write a Book in a Day* was held in Wirrkuta Trruku activity hall at St John’s Campus. A total of 49 students from Years 5–9 from all three campuses worked in small groups to write a book, from start to finish. This process took 12 hours, from 8am–8pm.

At the beginning of the day students were given a sheet with certain parameters and random words that had to appear in their story. Students brainstormed ideas and then started creating digital stories aimed at children aged 10–16 years. These books are given to sick children in hospitals around Australia. Some of the finished book titles included *The quest of the Lost Chicken*, *Where did Gooey go?*, *The Explorer and the Didgeridoo* and *A Shaken World Called Barnia*.

Throughout the day there was a lovely buzz in the room as students worked together on their stories, either as an author, illustrator or editor. It was wonderful seeing the students from different campuses collaborating together or helping each other with technical problems during the day.

By 8pm there were many tired students (and teachers!) but all were very satisfied that they had

produced a book in a day! Each student will get a printed copy of their book.

**Nolene Thiele**
Resource Manager – St John's Campus

**Hajnalka Molloy**
Learning Resources Manager

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## Introducing our St Peters Campus School Chickens

Meet Our Awesome School Chickens!

We're thrilled to introduce our newest (and fluffiest) members of the St Peters Campus community—our four school chickens! Thanks to the incredible generosity of Sandersons (Grain. Fodder, Pets, Garden, Rural, Supplies), a wonderful local family-run business, our chickens have everything they need to thrive. From feed to bedding, Sandersons has supported us every step of the way—we highly recommend them for all your animal and garden needs!

Our chickens—Winnie (Silver Laced Wyandotte), Bailey (Buff Sussex) and Coco (Hyline)—are happily settled in and laying eggs! Students have jumped right into caring for them—topping up food and water, checking nesting boxes, learning how to look after them and, of course, collecting eggs. One of our Hyline hens is still waiting for her name... and the whole school is helping decide!

This fun and engaging project links beautifully to Science (animal needs and life cycles), Humanities and Social Sciences (sustainability and care), and Health (nutrition and wellbeing). It's all part of our extraordinary commitment to hands-on, real-world learning.

We can't wait to start cooking with our fresh eggs—watch this space!

For more information about Sandersons, visit their website: Sandersons | Grain, Fodder, Pets, Garden, Rural, Supplies.

**Nicolle Jakube**
Primary School Learning Leader – St Peters Campus

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## Knockout Sports Update

## Volleyball

Well done to our Year 9/10 boys' and girls' knockout volleyball teams on progressing through to the next round of the competition. Go CC!

## Basketball

On Friday 13 June, the Senior girls' basketball team competed in their first round of Knockout. The girls started the competition playing Norwood International in the first game of the day. Concordia took an early lead in the first quarter, with the team displaying great determination and teamwork that helped them to maintain their lead for the remainder of the game, winning 29-22. This strong start set a positive tone for the second game of the day. The second game of the day was against a strong Modbury side. Concordia got off to a fantastic start, leading at quarter time, showing amazing skills and defence. They held their lead and came away with a well-deserved win, defeating Modbury 42–31. Early on next term they will take on Sacred Heart and St Michael's!

**Izzy (11RGOG)** and **Nari (10DLYN)**

## Netball

On the Thursday 12 June the Year 9/10 netball team travelled to Mercedes College for our knockout competition. Our team first played Adeliade High School, defeating them 49-15. After only a short break, we then versed Mercedes, defeating them 48-26. Our final game was against Scotch, who was our toughest competition. It was a close game, but we stayed composed and worked as a team, winning by 12 goals. The day was a huge success, we have advanced through to the next round and will be playing for a place in the finals later in the year.

**Zoe (10JROB)**

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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)

Mid-Year Stocktake

The School Shop will be **closed** for stocktake on Friday 27 June and will reopen on Thursday 17 July (see holiday opening hours below).

Mid-Year (July) 2025 School Holiday Opening Hours

- Thursday 17 July: 12.30pm - 6.15pm
- Friday 18 July: 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.

Sport Order Collection - Reminder

Students have been emailed to collect their new sport uniforms. Please collect your orders from The School Shop before the end of term.

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 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

- **Young Engineers Australia** are running 'Speedsters: Automobile and Aviation' Robotics and Engineering Camp in the July school holidays, at our St John's Campus. Places are

limited. Download a flyer for more information or click here to book online.

- **Carla Bigiolli**, Dance teacher at Concordia College, is running a two-day school holiday Dance Program in the Fortiter Dance Studio (Level 1), Concordia Campus on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 July. Download a flyer or view the article in this week's newsletter for more details and to register.
- **Code Camp** is running school holiday programs in the mid-year school holidays. Download a flyer and use the code to receive a $25 discount.
- **Refugee Week** is running from Sunday 15 to Saturday 21 June. View the online program of events for more information. The Refugee Week Youth Poster Awards Exhibition will be open to the public at the Adelaide Festival Centre from Friday 20 June to Friday 25 July.
- **Seeds Uniting Church** at Aberfoyle Park is running *KIDVENTURE!*, a two-day holiday program for Reception–Year 6 students from Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 July (9am–4pm). Children will take part in fun activities to learn more about Jesus, make new friends and try new things. Registrations are essential. Download a flyer for more information.

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