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2025 Term 3 Week 2

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From the College Pastor

Concordia is a school that seeks to develop students to their full potential. Living our lives as God intended brings glory to him and blessing to others. This means, to borrow language from Scripture, that we seek to utilise and develop everything we have been given: our heart, soul, mind and strength. We don't want to be people of just one or even two dimensions. A life fully lived will feature heart, soul, mind and strength, and we hope to develop all of these areas through a broad curriculum across a student's time at our school.

When Jesus was once asked what the most important commandment was in all Scripture, he answered, "The most important one is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

Jesus knows that we were designed to receive love from him, then to return it, both to him and to other people made in God's image. A life lived to the full will be in relationship with the One who made us, where we develop the gifts and capabilities he has given us to be a blessing to others.

This term, we hope to grow in our understanding of what it means to be a human being fully alive, as we use all of our passions, skills, creativity, cognitive power, physical and emotional strength to look outward, not inward. May God bless us in this and, in so doing, reveal more of his goodness to us.

Dale Gosden
College Pastor

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Q&A with Chelsea Skene, Director of Enrolments ELC–12

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

Prior to Concordia, I was Head of Enrolments at Walford Anglican School for Girls. Previous to Walford, I worked in various roles at Flinders University. I enjoy working across the many facets

of enrolments, including marketing, events, industry partnerships, outreach programs and alumni networks, and of course connecting with families, students and the wider school community. The role at Concordia appealed to me as the perfect amalgamation of my previous experience within Education, but equally as appealing was the sense of community I have been lucky to experience already here at Concordia.

Three words to describe you.

Thoughtful, approachable, dedicated.

What is your motivation or inspiration in your role?

Connecting families with opportunities for their children to thrive and supporting families through these early years of 'lifelong learning' is what motivates and inspires me most.

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

Live performances bring me joy (concerts, theatre, sports, comedy, etc.)—so I suppose invisibility so that even when a performance is sold out I could sneak a seat!

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

- Alexa Leary (a very inspiring young Paralympian)
- Magda Szubanski
- Simone Biles
- Cathy Freeman
- Richard Branson

This is a seemingly random mix, but I admire them for overcoming personal challenges and continuing their momentum to enrich the lives of others. The remaining seat is for Louis Theroux, to document their stories!

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Q&A with Ric van Wachem, Director of Sport

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

St Andrew’s Cathedral School in Sydney. My wife has been working and living in Adelaide for the last year and a half and so thought it might be a good idea to live together again! Concordia advertised the Director of Sport position and I felt I had something to offer!

Three words to describe you.

Courageous, Mentor, Innovative.

What is your motivation or inspiration in your role?

I am motivated by the exciting opportunity to continue to develop Sport and lift its profile at Concordia, and to be a part of a school that is not in a high-rise office building, that owns its own fields and basketball courts!

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

The ability to go back in time.

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

I would invite:

- My wife: I would be in trouble if I didn't…
- Jesus: I have some questions…
- David Bowie, Pink Floyd or Dire Straits: I would need some music...
- Lewis Hamilton: A fascinating person who is so much more than a racing car driver...
- Gordon Ramsey: I need someone to cook and I think he and Jesus might have an interesting conversation...
- Twiggy Forest: Billionaire miner turned passionate renewable energy advocate, and he might pay for dinner!

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CC Ski Trip 2025

In the first week of the winter holidays, 32 Senior School students were lucky enough to travel to Queenstown, New Zealand, for a five-night Ski Trip accompanied by four staff members. We spent the first three days skiing at the Remarkables and Coronet Peak, with lessons each morning to help us gain confidence. Although we had some early starts, it meant we got to experience the beautiful sunrises each morning. There were some amazing views from the mountaintops despite the cold weather, and we were fortunate enough to have had a snow dump just before we went, giving us the perfect conditions for skiing.

Within our group we ranged from beginners to experts, but everyone got around each other and made sure no one was left behind. After a tiring three days of skiing we were rewarded with the thrilling Shotover Jet boat experience where we sped through the canyons of New Zealand at 85 kilometres per hour. Then we headed into Queenstown for lunch at the renowned Fergburger before spending some time exploring the city and shopping. This left us a relaxing last night of card games and bonding back at the accommodation.

Overall, the Ski Trip was the perfect getaway after a busy Term 2, providing a break from the stress of Year 12, whilst we focused on building our skills or learning to ski backwards, and trying jumps or tricks. We are so grateful for the amazing opportunity to experience another country and create some lifelong memories with the support of the wonderful staff members who gave their time to afford us this opportunity.

Kelsey (12CFIL)

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Marty McBubble Visits St John's Campus ELC

As a provocation for our 'How the World Works' Unit of Inquiry, St John's Campus ELC children were fortunate to experience a scientific bubble show performed by Marty McBubble (aka Graeme Denton, owner of Bright Spark Entertainment).

The children watched in awe as Marty created bubbles of all shapes and sizes. He described them using their properties and three-dimensional shape names, sphere and cube. He explored scientific concepts about gases, liquids, gravity and how light interacts with materials. Marty posed questions such as: ‘What are bubbles made from?’, ‘Which direction do they go?’ and ‘What shapes are bubbles?’. These questions inspired children’s thinking and curiosity. Language development also occurred with the introduction of new words such as transparent, opaque, flexible and prediction.

The show was a great success and ended with the children being invited to step into a gigantic bubble.

The children were thoroughly engaged, and their enthusiasm and curiosity were certainly sparked!

Deborah Waters
ELC Teacher

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Book Now for our Father's Day Breakfasts at Highgate and Blackwood

We look forward to celebrating Father's Day with our community. Please see details below and click the links to book online.

- Highgate Campuses - 7.30am, Tuesday 2 September in Wirrkuta Trruku, St John's Campus | Book online for our Highgate campuses
- St Peters Campus - 7.30am, Wednesday 3 September in the St Peters Lutheran Church Hall | Book online for our Blackwood campus

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Concordia – The Rite Journey ‘The Adventure’ Camp

There was a sense of excitement and nerves when families congregated in the Chapel on the Monday morning before our Year 9 camp began, as parents placed their letters of

encouragement into their child's beanies and said their farewells for the week. Let *The Adventure* begin!

Concordia – The Rite Journey recently completed its most significant event of the year so far in *The Adventure* camp to the Flinders Ranges. It was an experience that the Year 9 students found challenging yet rewarding and a time where Concordia staff witnessed the students' personal growth and development of friendships. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to experience challenges in a supportive environment, try new things, experience some incredible views, build on their friendships, and possibly develop new ones throughout the week. The boys' and girls' camps both focused on the overarching theme of challenges and how working through them helps form our identity, develop resilience and—when experienced together—build a sense of community. Students explored what makes them the person they are and how they contribute to the wider group. This was experienced through physical, emotional and social challenges that the students were faced with throughout the camp.

The staff on both camps were amazed with the students' endurance, resilience and willingness to give all aspects of the camp their best shot. We were particularly impressed with the way each group bonded around the focus on a common goal and how this led to a great sense of community for the week of camp. I am sure the students will have come away from this camp with a sense of personal achievement and an understanding that trying new things outside of their comfort zone will stretch them and lead to personal growth. This is a life lesson that we can all hold on to and of which we need to be constantly reminded.

A special thanks to the Concordia staff who supported *The Adventure* camp so well, along with the staff of Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures who supported everything we implemented throughout the week.

Here are some student reflections from their time on camp:

- "The rock climbing and abseiling was my highlight!"
- "I really enjoyed camp because I got to connect with a lot of new people"
- "Camp was one of the best weeks of school; I loved talking to new people and new friends"
- "I loved connecting people I haven't had the chance to talk to"

Ben Crook
Year 9 Leader

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Reminder: Order school photos by 'advancedlife' online by midnight on Sunday 3 August

A reminder that *advancedlife* will take official school photographs (individual/class and sibling photos) on the following dates:

- Concordia Campus (Years 7-12): Monday 4 August
- St John's Campus (Reception-Year 6 + sibling photos, including Concordia Campus siblings): Tuesday 5 August
- St Peters Campus (ELC-Year 6): Wednesday 6 August
- St John's Campus (ELC plus catch-up day (all campuses) and Year 12 photo): Thursday 7 August

Note: Thursday 7 August will be the catch-up photo day for all campuses, for any students absent on Monday to Wednesday.

Sibling Photo Orders Close at Midnight on Sunday 3 August

Sibling photo orders must be placed by midnight on Sunday 3 August (if you miss this order deadline you may submit your order by cash envelope on the morning of school photography).

How to Order

There are two easy ways to purchase:

1. Visa, MasterCard or PayPal
2. Cash – complete the envelope (available from the School Office/SSO) and return it to our photographer on photo day

To order, click the button below and use the code: **2YJ RWD VQ2**

Order School Photos Here (opens an external website in a new window)

Further Information

- Online orders - do not require an envelope returned to your school.
- Sibling Photos - Don’t forget to pre-order your sibling photos online by midnight on Sunday 3 August. We provide your school with a list of sibling orders right up to the day of photography, so no one misses out. If you miss the online order deadline, you can submit a completed sibling order envelope first thing in the morning of the day of photography, so your school is aware you want the photo taken and can bring your children together in time for it. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at your child's campus location (Highgate or Blackwood, not a combination thereof).
- Late fees - a late fee will be applied to each package purchased after photo day due to the additional cost of producing these packages separately.
- Package delivery - School photographs will be returned approximately six weeks after the day of photography. Please note this delivery timeframe is dependent on proofing and additional photography days at your school.
- Previous Years’ photos - Past years’ photographs including sports, co-curricular and representative groups are also available to order under the “previous years or group photo” tabs at your school’s *advancedorder* site when you click on the “Order School Photos Here” button above. You can also order past packages, portrait images and gifts from your child’s unique, individual and secure advancedyou image archive site using the unique nine-digit image code found on packages you have ordered in the past

advancedlife would like to express our appreciation to Concordia College for placing their trust in us. Please remember we offer a 100% money back guarantee on our products to ensure your peace of mind. We would also love to receive your feedback or resolve any issues you may experience as fast as possible, to ensure your satisfaction. If you have any questions, comments or feedback relating to your advancedlife experience please contact us at: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

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Year 8 Visual Art – Out and About

Our Year 8 Visual Art students engaged with two significant exhibitions at the Art Gallery of South Australia late last term.

Students connected with the skills and sensitivity seen in “Dangerously Modern”; an exhibition celebrating the dozens of young Australian women artists who left Australia for Europe in the 1890s to 1920s in search of new artistic, professional and personal experiences. Our students gained an understanding of the significance of the role these Australian women played in shaping the global art movement now known as Early Modernism.

Students also viewed the 'Ramsey Art Prize 2025'; an exhibition of works by current Australian artists under 40 working in a range of media. Students enjoyed the conceptual ideas in this exhibition and were particularly impressed with prize winner Jack Ball, who won the $100,000 prize for his work “Heavy Grit’.

Another group of students visited the Jam Factory and were fortunate to see artists at work in their studios and connect with the exhibition ‘Melting Point’, featuring works focused on contemporary jewellery and object making.

In their study, students responded to artworks they found a connection with and those works that challenged them. Their responses have led to further class discussions on art practice and using a wide range of media and ideas to express oneself.

As teachers, we were impressed with how students conducted themselves on the day and how earnestly they responded to a range of artworks. The excursion also emphasised how important it is for students to have real-life experiences to extend their understanding of art and its connection to the real world.

Terri Moore
Visual Arts Teacher

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

The City to Bay is now under two months away and our P&F is entering a team. If you haven't yet registered to be part of it with us, please do so today.

- Date: **Sunday 21 September 2025**
- How to Get Involved: **Walk, run or wheelchair** 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 Register and Join Our Team (opens an external website in a new window)

We would love for all Concordia College team members to wear a CC sports cap during the event. If you're not a student, a free cap will be provided to you.

A reminder that 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

Expert Training Tips from Clay Watkins

With the City to Bay coming up at the start of spring, many Adelaideans are hitting the pavement in preparation for this much-loved Adelaide event. As a former sprinter who now runs for fitness and enjoyment, I've learned a lot about how different distance running can be—but also how rewarding.

Here are a few reflections and tips that might help you prepare:

1. **Train, don't strain**: That bit of wisdom comes from Arthur Lydiard, one of the greats of endurance coaching. The human body is a marvellous thing—it adapts to stress and gets fitter and stronger, provided the load we place on it is sensible and consistent. Build gradually, listen to your body and don't feel the need to do too much too soon.
2. **Don't overlook strength training**: Coming from a sprinting background, I've always valued strength work—and it's just as important for distance runners. A few short sessions each week (bodyweight squats, lunges and core work) can improve posture, running form and reduce the risk of injury.
3. **Vary your training**: Back in my sprinting days, I followed a polarised approach—some sessions focused on short, powerful efforts, others on slower, steadier work. The same applies to distance running. Mix in a weekly interval or tempo session to build speed and efficiency, and balance it with easy runs that help develop endurance without overloading the body. This variation keeps training effective and sustainable.
4. **Make the time count**: I often use my runs to listen to podcasts or audiobooks. It's a

great way to feed both mind and body—and it turns a training session into valuable thinking space.
5. **Alternatively, make it social**: If you're more of a social being, find a training buddy, join a local running group, or run with music that lifts your mood. The sense of connection and shared effort can turn a solo grind into something far more enjoyable and motivating.

Most importantly, enjoy the process. Whether you run for a time, for fun or simply to finish, there's something powerful about setting a goal and seeing it through. Good luck with your training and I hope to see some of the Concordia community on the start line.

Clay Watkins
Middle School Leader

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Students Select Seeds for Space

Having participated in the 'Plants - Lunar Edition' unit during Science lessons earlier this year, India (Year 8) was recently asked to share some reflections about the experience. During the unit, our Year 8s conducted experiments to help Lunaria One determine the best seeds to send into space in 2026, with the goal of growing plants on the moon.

Read more about this extraordinary opportunity in an article by Australian Associated Press, titled 'School kids inspired by space salad mission to the moon'.

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Upward Psychology Partnership Update

We are pleased to share that our partnership with Upward Psychology continues to grow in Term 3, with Dr David Scholz expanding his availability to two full days per week—Mondays and Tuesdays.

Through this partnership, David works onsite at Concordia College, enabling students to access private psychological appointments during the school day. This approach helps minimise disruption to family routines and allows for a more integrated model of care. It also ensures minimal waitlists and supports a collaborative relationship between the psychologist, families and school staff, to guide practical and meaningful next steps.

Psychological Assessment Services

Upward Psychology provides comprehensive, school-based assessments that offer valuable insight into how your child learns, processes information, and manages emotions. Assessments can support the identification of:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Psycho-educational needs (dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia)
- Mental health concerns (such as anxiety or emotional regulation.

Ongoing Intervention and Therapy Services

Upward Psychology also offers ongoing, evidence-based therapeutic support delivered onsite. These sessions focus on a range of areas, including:

- Anxiety, low mood, and emotional regulation
- Social skills and peer relationships
- School adjustment and learning confidence
- Academic stress and performance
- Sporting performance mindset and pressure
- Mental health challenges impacting daily life

To enquire about services or make a booking:

- admin@upwardpsychology.com.au
- 0450 257 133
- www.upwardpsychology.com.au

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Whole College Book Week Assembly and Costume Parade

We're excited to announce that our Whole College Book Week Assembly will be held in the Fortiter Gymnasium on **Friday 22 August, starting at 12.40pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the joy of reading!

2025 marks a very special occasion, 80 years of Children's Book Week in Australia! This year's theme, 'Book an Adventure', invites students to explore the incredible journeys, characters and worlds found within the pages of their favourite stories.

As part of our celebration, we will be holding a Book Week Costume Parade during the Assembly. We encourage families to work together to create a costume that reflects a much-loved book or literary character. This is a great chance to spark conversations at home about favourite stories, characters and the magic of reading.

Need some inspiration? Here are some great resources with creative and fun costume ideas for Australian Book Week.

- Book Week: Costume ideas from things you have in your wardrobe
- Book Week Costumes for teachers (and young adults)

We hope you'll join us in making this event a memorable one for our students. Together, we

can help foster a lifelong love of reading and adventure!

Hajnalka Molloy
Learning Resources Manager

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Reminder: Explore Futures

A reminder that students in Years 10, 11 and 12, together with their parents and caregivers, 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.

Session Booking Information

Session Booking Information

Whether you have already submitted an RSVP or not, if you plan to come along we ask you to **click here to view all available sessions and book** into those you would most like to attend.

A reminder that students and their parents/caregivers may attend up to six presentations that are most interesting to them, with each presentation lasting 15 minutes. There will also be time for gathering information and asking questions.

1. Make your bookings
2. Download the program (with session list) and download a room map, for your reference on the night

Reminder of Key Details

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

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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Drama Students Connecting With Industry

Over the winter school break, our Drama students were hard at work, engaging with industry to build their skills and shape new local theatre performances.

Rebecca and Keziah (Year 10) were selected as part of Windmill Theatre's Project Westall, a week-long development with young people from across South Australia. This creative experimentation informed the writing of a new theatre work from Windmill in the coming years. Students explored staging, multimedia and performance pathways, with the experience confirming their interest in undertaking a career in the Arts.

Four Concordia students, Archer, Matilda, Hannah and Keziah, also attended State Theatre's Winter School. Under the guidance of two local artists, participants followed a page-to-stage process, viewed live theatre, created filmed auditions and made a physical theatre piece, culminating in a gripping public performance. Their learning will enhance their contribution to the school Drama community and forge connections to future industry pathways.

Congratulations to all students on their selection for these experiences and their impressive contribution to Adelaide's live performance industry!

Daniel Lynch
Drama Teacher

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Enrichment and Extended Learning News

Rostrum Voice of Youth SA/NT State Final

Sophia (9ALAM) recently competed at the South Australia / Northern Territory Zone Final for Rostrum Voice of Youth. From a few hundred students who took part this year, Sophia was one of four students selected for the State Final at Old Parliament House. She delivered her prepared speech brilliantly and with just fifteen minutes, constructed a short-notice speech of the highest calibre. Sophia represented Concordia with distinction and was an outstanding ambassador for our community. Sophia will also be competing in the State Final of the Junior Legacy Public Speaking Award in mid-August.

Junior and Senior Academy Learning Conferences

We are looking forward to hosting the Junior and Senior Academy Learning conferences in Week 5 of this term. The Junior Thinkers Conference (Years 7–9) will be on Tuesday 19 August and the Senior conference (Years 10–12) will be on Wednesday 20 August. This is the 12th year that Concordia has hosted these important events on the Adelaide gifted education calendar. They provide our highly able students with exposure to a wide range of topics aimed at stimulating thought beyond the constraints of the curriculum. The content is fast-paced, and students will benefit from university lecture style learning. The day will be facilitated by Julie

Arliss—a well-known international educator of gifted students. She is on the examining team for Cambridge International Examinations and is a Farmington Scholar from Oxford University. There will be a cost of $40 to attend the conference, which must be paid via the school website online payments page.

CARE@CC (Community of Advocates for Respect and Empathy)

We were thrilled to welcome back Victoria, a Concordia graduate from the Class of 2024, who has just begun her journey studying Medicine at the University of Adelaide. Victoria's talk was inspiring and practical—she shared personal insights and helpful tips on how students can make the most of their high school years, especially those with dreams of pursuing a career in medicine.

If you work or study in a health-related field and would be open to sharing your story, we'd love to hear from you! Whether you're a seasoned professional or just starting out, your perspective could make a real difference to our students as they explore future health-related career pathways. Please contact Emma Rieger to register your interest—your experience could be exactly what sparks someone's passion.

Brain Bee State Final

We wish our nine Year 10 students the very best as they compete in the State Final of the Brain Bee Challenge at the University of Adelaide's Health and Medical Sciences building on Friday 1 August. Our incredible students have answered over 20,000 questions about the brain to prepare for this competition.

Emma Rieger
Enrichment and Extended Learning

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Year 7s Visit the Heritage Centre

Some of our Year 7s have spent time in the Heritage Centre learning about Concordia and our long history from the first days in Murtoa in 1890. We are so lucky to have such a great record of photos, uniforms and artefacts, which the students eagerly explored.

Sue Kleinig
Alumni Manager

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Changes to parking and traffic control advised by the City of Unley

The City of Unley has advised the College of some important parking and traffic control improvements in the streets surrounding our St John's and Concordia campuses.

Please take note of all signage in the area and drive carefully.

Attached is a letter and some some explanatory maps provided by the Council.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe.

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Old Concordian Flinders University Criminology Research Assistant Visits Stage 2 Legal Studies

On Thursday of Week 8, Term 2, the Stage 2 Legal Studies class welcomed guest presenter Emma Brew-Bevan. Emma (Class of 2018) is a lecturer, PhD candidate and research assistant in Criminology at Flinders University. Emma spoke about her research regarding women serving time in custody, and how and why particular minority groups are over-represented in the criminal justice system. As the class has recently been learning about diverse groups and their access to justice, Emma's presentation was highly relevant. Emma also outlined types of criminology-related degrees and careers that were open to students following Year 12, and provided useful insights and suggestions for students researching criminal justice-related topics for their Inquiry. We are very appreciative of the time that Emma took to share her knowledge and experience with us.

Judy Harris
Legal Studies Teacher

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Could you be the next Office Administrator at St John’s Lutheran Church Unley?

As a result of a pending retirement, the St John’s Unley Lutheran Church is advertising an ongoing 0.6 FTE (22 hours/wk) Office Administrator position commencing 18 August or as close as possible to this date, to allow sufficient time for a handover and relevant training.

This is a dynamic role, requiring excellent communication and organisational skills. This position provides a wonderful opportunity to serve in a vibrant church community. There is some flexibility with working hours on Tuesdays or Wednesdays (or part thereof on both days); however, the successful applicant will be required to work on Thursdays and Fridays.

Click the button below to download a copy of the job description.

St Johns Unley Office Administrator Job Description July 2025
pdf download | 339.823 KB

Interested parties are asked to submit their application, including names of two referees and their contact details, to office@stjohnsunley.lca.org.au attention Pastor John, by 9am on

Monday 4 August 2025, with interviews taking place later in the week.

If you have further questions about the position, please contact Pastor John Strelan on 08 8271 9556 (Tuesday–Friday).

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Year 2/3 Students Dive into Pond Exploration and Environmental Learning

The St Peters Campus Year 2/3 class has been busy with hands-on learning, exploring the local ponds in our community late in Term 2. Equipped with their nature journals, magnifying glasses and plenty of curiosity, students have been collecting water samples, sketching what they see and taking photos to document their discoveries. Wearing their trusty gumboots, they've also definitely been enjoying wading into the water for a closer look.

These outdoor adventures are more than just fun—they're part of a deeper investigation led by the students into some of the current environmental issues. Students have shown a growing interest and concern about topics like droughts and water usage. This real-world exploration connects directly to their current Unit of Inquiry, which focuses on resources and sustainability, with a particular emphasis on water.

Building on recent excursions to Wittunga Botanic Gardens and the Marine Discovery Centre, students have expanded their understanding of environmental topics. They've explored ideas like microplastics, habitats, pollution and responsible water use. Their firsthand experiences have helped them make meaningful connections between what they learn in the classroom and what they observe in nature.

Through these pond visits, the students are not only enhancing their scientific inquiry skills but also developing a strong sense of environmental responsibility. They're applying what they've learned about sustainability and water conservation both at school and in their everyday lives.

Lisa Smith and Kathryn Watkins
Year 2/3 Teachers

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Save the Date for Concordia in Concert

Save the date for our annual music showcase, Concordia in Concert – Past, Present and Future—a musical celebration featuring students across all three campuses. Join us in Fortiter (Gymnasium) for an extraordinary night of music.

- **Date: Friday 19 September 2025**
- **Time: Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start**
- **Location: Fortiter Gymnasium, Concordia Campus**

Booking information will be available soon.

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Year 11 First Aid Training

On Wednesday of Week 9, Term 2, a record 76 Year 11s completed a first aid course delivered by Red Cross. The students learnt CPR as well as how to deal with a range of emergency situations, including shock, choking and broken limbs. It was pleasing to see so many students avail themselves of the opportunity to learn a valuable new skill, and the course fits well with our aim to support the students to develop life skills that they can draw on in their journey beyond the school environment.

Judy Harris
Year 11 Leader

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SchoolTV New Topic: Sibling Relationships

Sibling relationships are often a child's first and longest-lasting social connection. These bonds can offer companionship, support and opportunities to develop important life skills such as empathy, negotiation and conflict resolution. However, like all close relationships, sibling dynamics can be complex. Differences in temperament, age, needs and parental attention can all contribute to tension or rivalry. It's not uncommon for children to compete for attention, especially during times of change or stress.

As a parent or caregiver, your role in shaping the tone of sibling relationships is vital. Creating a home environment that celebrates each child's unique strengths and avoids direct comparisons helps reduce rivalry and fosters mutual respect.

By listening without judgement, teaching emotional regulation, and supporting each child's individuality, you can create a family culture where siblings feel secure and valued. This edition of SchoolTV offers insights to support young people in developing positive, lasting sibling bonds that can remain strong well into adulthood.

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Support Lucas's Ride Around Australia Fundraising for Men's Health Causes

Old Concordian Lucas Bruening (2018) is gearing up for a charity bike ride around Australia in August, raising money for men's mental health as well as prostate cancer research, awareness

and support. He is aiming to raise $10,000—an extraordinary effort—and we wish him all the very best!

To support Lucas, click here or scan the QR code on the image below.

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Year 9 Drama Perform the Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon

At the end of Term 3, the Year 9 Drama class performed *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*, rising to the occasion despite a tumultuous final week! With three students unwell and unable to perform, roles were recast and fellow Drama students from other year levels stepped in to ensure success. In a fast-paced and zany performance, the cast attempted to tell all of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales in one go, resulting in laughs from the audience. This was also the Student Tech Crew's first contribution to a Drama performance, so thank you to the lighting and sound operators for assisting the ensemble to a successful show!

Daniel Lynch
Drama Teacher

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City of Unley 'Living Young' eNewsletter

The latest edition of the Living Young eNewsletter from the City of Unley is out now. In this edition you will find:

- Toasty Tunes - winter family events on the first Sunday of each month during winter
- East Waste Schools Calendar Competition
- Project Connect Online Safety Presentation

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Year 5s Help Bring Biodiversity Back to Woodlake Reserve

Recently, the Year 5 students at our St Peters Campus had the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and make a lasting impact on the local environment by planting native sedges, grasses and shrubs at Woodlake Reserve in Craigburn Farm. Working alongside the Woodlake Reserve Action Group (WRAG), the students helped establish a nature trail designed to support local biodiversity and environmental regeneration.

This hands-on environmental learning experience reflects our campus's strong commitment to caring for the world around us and empowering students to serve both their community and the environment.

The day included expert guidance from Trees For Life, who shared knowledge on native species and revegetation techniques. It was a morning full of learning, laughter, muddy boots—and of course, a well-deserved hot chocolate and biscuit break!

We're proud of our students for their care and effort and look forward to watching their contributions grow.

Bronwyn Wilson
Principal – St Peters Campus

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Languages News

During the last week of Term 2, language students had the opportunity to sample a variety of traditional Chinese and German foods.

Chinese Incursion: A Cultural Feast

Thanks to the generous support of Nijumaru Restaurant, the Chinese incursion for Year 8 Chinese and Year 11/12 Background Chinese students was a memorable celebration of flavour, culture and fun.

The incursion began with a delicious sampling of traditional Chinese snacks and ice tea. As students settled into their seats, they were treated to plates of crispy spring rolls, prawn crackers and fried vegetable dumplings. The spring rolls were a crowd favourite—golden and crunchy, filled with a savoury mix that had everyone coming back for seconds. The light and airy prawn crackers added a satisfying crunch, while the dumplings, bursting with flavourful fillings, showcased the richness of Chinese culinary heritage. A refreshing glass of Lemon and Peach flavoured ice tea complemented the tasting experience perfectly.

This cultural food experience created an immersive and engaging atmosphere right inside the classroom, allowing students to connect with Chinese culture in an enjoyable and meaningful way.

German: Guten Appetit!

The focus of Year 8 German in Term 2 was the topic 'Essen und Trinken' (Food and Drink). At the end of the topic, students had the chance to sample traditional German fare such as 'sauere Gurken' (pickles), Brezeln (pretzels), Wurst (sausage), 'Knoppers' (wafer biscuits), and to drink, 'Spezi' (a mix of cola and fanta). At the same time, they were able to practise phrases they had been learning, including ordering items of food and drink and expressing opinions about them. The most popular opinion was... lecker! (delicious!)

The Languages Team

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Knockout Sports Update

Late in Term 2, our Year 7/8 Girls Knockout Netball team won both of their matches in Round 1 of the competition. The girls defeated Scotch College 39–27 and then continued their great effort by defeating Mary MacKillop College 62–15. In Round 2, they fought hard for the win, but unfortunately will not progress to the finals round after being defeated by Sacred Heart.

Yesterday, our Year 9/10 Knockout Netball team defeated Tatachilla Lutheran College 60–46 and will now progress to finals day. We wish them all the best as they prepare to compete.

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Student Achievements

Congratulations to Old Concordian Lily (Class of 2024) and her brother **James (10JDIV)**, both of whom have recently competed in the Singapore Youth Olympics Festival Archery and have also been selected to represent Australia at the World Youth Archery Championships in Canada in August—an extraordinary achievement! We wish them all the best as they prepare to compete on the world stage next month.

Lily (Class of 2024)

James (10JDIV)

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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)

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 3 Menu

Download a copy of the CC Café menu for Term 3 to see what is on offer.

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Public Notices & Events

- **AFL Auskick and Superkick** programs are running in a variety of locations across the Adelaide Hills in Term 3. Download a flyer for more information: Auskick | Superkick

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