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2025 Term 4 Week 2

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## From the Head of OSHC Services

As a parent of two young children I can understand the challenge and constant balancing act of full-time work, family, activities and other commitments. The demand for care and support outside of the school day is higher than ever. We also want to feel assured that we are leaving our children in a safe and nurturing environment when we aren’t present.

Out of School Hours Care is available on a consistent basis throughout the year—only taking a break on public holidays and for closure over Christmas and New Years. Our service provides the flexibility and peace of mind that all parents appreciate in a fast-paced age. Children are cared for by qualified educators and provided with the space, resources and opportunities to learn and grow.

Beyond care, our OSHC program fosters a strong sense of belonging and connection. Many children request to attend OSHC even when parents do not require the care because they

enjoy what the service has to offer. Children show their appreciation for OSHC by displaying openness and a serving attitude. This is demonstrated through their desire to help with routines such as snacks and clean-up, and voicing their ideas to improve life at OSHC for all that attend.

Here at Concordia OSHC, we are 'firm in principle, gentle in manner' and use core values to guide our approach towards education and care. We are proud to offer a service that is highly regarded by the community and meets the needs of our families.

**Stephen Calio**
Head of OSHC Services

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## Valedictory Service 2025

Last night's Valedictory Service was a wonderful occasion for celebrating the graduating Class of 2025.

The students, their families and College staff gathered in Concordia's Chapel for worship led by Pastor Dale, followed by the presentation of a range of academic and service awards. During the service, each member of the Class of 2025 was presented on the stage and received a gift from the College and the Old Concordians' Association. This year's Valedictory speech was presented by much-loved English and German teacher, Mrs Connie Held, who is retiring at the end of the year after almost five decades of service to the College. Connie shared a profound and very humorous message about the transformative power of perseverance and 'doing what you can do', especially in uncertain times.

Old Concordian and Channel 9 Sports Reporter, Will Crouch, also spoke, regaling the students with tales from his time at Concordia, and sharing the significance of the foundations he built at the College for his future success.

With the conclusion of this significant milestone event for the Class of 2025, we are reminded of the strength of our community and share our enormous pride in our students. We are so excited to see what they do next!

SACE Stage 2 Subject Awards

| **Subject** | **Award Recipient(s)** |
|---|---|
| Ancient Studies | Michael 12SSCH |
| Biology | Jade 12CHEL/CFIN |
| Business Innovation | Aidan 12CHEL/CFIN |
| Chemistry | Sophie 12CHEL/CFIN |
| Chinese (Background Speakers) | Zhiyan 12SSCH |
| Creative Arts | Jess 12CFIL |
| Design Technology & Engineering (Material Solutions) | Bethany 12CHEL/CFIN<br>Ella 12KNIC |

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|---|---|
| Digital Technologies | Lincoln 12SSCH |
| Drama | Anya 12CHEL/CFIN |
| English | Lauren 12TMCC |
| English as an Additional Language | Zhiyan 12SSCH |
| English Literary Studies | Angelina 12CHEL/CFIN |
| Essential Mathematics | Paige 12CFIL |
| Food and Hospitality | Sari 12CRID |
| General Mathematics | Niamh 12KNIC |
| Geography | Thomas 12CRID |
| German (Continuers) | Ky 12CRID |
| Legal Studies | Sarah 12CHEL/CFIN |
| Mathematical Methods | Jacob 12CHEL/CFIN |
| Modern History | Fraser 12SSCH |
| Music Explorations | Matilda 12CHEL/CFIN |
| Music Performance - Ensemble | Maddison 12CHEL/CFIN |
| Music Performance – Solo | Jude 12TMCC |
| Music Studies | Peter 12TMCC |
| Nutrition | Ashleigh 12CRID |
| Physical Education | Winnie 12CRID |
| Physics | Lachlan 12SSCH |
| Psychology | Hayley 12TMCC |
| Society and Culture | Lincoln 12SSCH |
| Specialist Mathematics | Jacob 12CHEL/CFIN |
| Television and Digital Media (Integrated Learning) | Alexander 12CFIL |
| Excellence in VET | Amelia (Milly) 12CFIL |
| Visual Arts | Amelia (Milly) 12CFIL |

Valedictory Service Awards

Concordia Award

- Joshua 12TMCC
- Madeleine 12CHEL/CFIN
- Lincoln 12SSCH
- Alexandra 12CFIL
- Jake 12SSCH

Community Award

- Fergus 12KNIC
- Sari 12CRID
- Matilda 12TMCC
- Kelsey 12CFIL

Arts Award

- Maddison 12CHEL/CFIN
- Jude 12TMCC

- Thomas 12TMCC

Sports Award

- Thomas 12CRID
- Zanna 12CFIL

Principal's Service Award

- Sienna 12SSCH
- Lachlan 12TMCC
- Ronan 12CRID
- Matilda 12CHEL/CFIN
- Leon 12TMCC

Other Student Awards

ADF Future Innovators Award

- Lachlan 12SSCH

ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award

- Kelsey 12CFIL

Avondale University Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship

- Toby 12CFIL

AMPOL Allrounder Award

- Joshua 12TMCC

Order of Australia Student Citizenship Award (Top 10 in SA)

- Lincoln 12SSCH

**Daniel Wood**
Senior School Leader

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## Primary School Oliphant Science Awards Success

This year’s Oliphant Science Awards saw an incredible 4,099 students from 145 schools across South Australia enter a total of 3,143 projects. Concordia College proudly contributed 59 (St John's Campus), 10 (St Peters Campu) and six (Concordia Campus) entries, with ten prize winning and five highly commended projects.

The Oliphant Science Awards give students the chance to shine outside of the classroom and to see how science connects with the real world. The competition encourages problem-solving, critical thinking and creativity. Throughout the process, students became young scientists—asking big questions, testing ideas, experimenting, observing and carefully documenting their discoveries. Each student showed a strong commitment to exploring science in meaningful and imaginative ways.

A special congratulations to **Jayden 3TS**, who, along with his category placing, achieved second place in the prestigious Department for Education Young Scientist Award.

These achievements highlight the dedication of our young scientists and the enthusiasm with which they explore the world around them. Congratulations to all students who participated and represented Concordia with pride in this statewide celebration of science and innovation.

**Adriana Weling, Rachel Saunders, Trevor Burmeister and Nicolle Jakube**

Below are the prize winners and highly commended projects from our Primary School campuses.

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**Prize Winners**

- **Jayden 3TS – St John's Campus:** Second place Department for Education Young Scientist Award R–4
- **Jayden 3TS – St John's Campus:** First place, 3–4 Photography
- **Luke 1OL – St Peters Campus:** First place, R-2 Programming, Apps and Robotics
- **Darcy 2/3KW – St Peters Campus:** First place, R–2 Scientific Inquiry
- **Leah 2BM – St John's Campus:** Second place, R–2 Posters
- **Charlotte 2BM – St John's Campus:** Second place, R-2: Programming, Apps and Robotics
- **Xavier 5EH – St John's Campus:** Third place, 5 –6 Models and Inventions
- **Kelly 3TS – St John's Campus:** Third place, 3–4 Science Writing

**Highly Commended**

- **Jayden 3TS – St John's Campus:** 3–4 Games
- **Jane 4MR – St John's Campus:** 3–4 Photography
- **Darcy 2BM – St John's Campus:** R–2 Games
- **George 1JL – St John's Campus:** R–2 Multimedia

Xavier 5EH and Jayden 3TS with their Oliphant Science Awards certificates

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## Enrichment and Extended Learning News

## Oliphant Science Awards Presentation

It was wonderful to see Concordia very well represented at the Oliphant Science Awards presentation evening on Friday, where prize placings were announced. This year participation was strong with 145 schools involved and 4,099 student registrations across over 3,000 projects.

At the Concordia Campus we congratulate:

- **Laura (11RGOG)**, who won first prize in the Year 11/12 Multimedia section
- **Oliver (10BWHA)**, who won third place in the Programming, Apps and Robotics (Year 9–10) section.
- **Oliver (8DGAL)** and **Benjamin (8DGAL)** (Highly commended for their model)

Overall, students from Concordia's three campuses won nine prizes and five were highly commended. A special congratulations to Year 3 student Jayden, who achieved second place in the prestigious Department for Education Young Scientist Award. This is one of the most prestigious awards at the event.

## Year 7/8 Interschool Fantasy Map and Writing Competition

Congratulations to **Jimmy (7VPER)**, who won the Year 7 writing section of this inaugural competition hosted at Concordia. This will become an annual competition for students in Years 7 and 8. This year the participating schools included Wilderness, St Michael's College and Concordia College. Students demonstrated outstanding creativity through their detailed fantasy maps and vivid writing, skilfully capturing the settings and characters of their imagined worlds. Congratulations to all who took part!

## 26 Book Challenge

As we enter Term 4 we have a few weeks left of reading for our 26 Book Challenge. Students will need to submit their stamped passports to the library by Friday of Week 5 (14 November). Our readers will then receive a boarding pass to join our 'Celebration flight' to be held on Monday of Week 7 (24 November) in The Suaviter at lunchtime.

For students still completing categories in the challenge, Karen from the Library and Anja from our Book Council have prepared mystery book bags ready to borrow! Simply find the category you haven't read yet, grab a mystery bag that matches it, and enjoy the surprise reading adventure inside.

## CARE@CC

This week we welcomed Erin Fawcett, who shared a talk about *Pharmacy: More than a degree*. Erin, a fourth-year pharmacy student, captivated our students with stories of her enriching daily interactions in pharmacy, opportunities for national and international travel, active involvement in professional associations, and the excitement of contributing to vital medical research. Her warmth and passion for the health profession left everyone inspired.
If you work in, or are studying towards a medical-related career, we would warmly welcome

you as a guest speaker at our lunchtime CARE@CC student group. Planning for 2026 is underway!

**Emma Rieger**
Enrichment and Extended Learning

Oliphant Science Award Prize winners Oliver (Year 10) and Laura (Year 11)

Fantasy Map and Writing Competition

Mystery book bags for the 26 Book Challenge

Erin (far right) visits CARE@CC

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## Year 10 German Excursion

The Year 10 German class had the opportunity to undertake a new topic in Term 3 this year called 'Unternehmen Deutsch'. This unit, organised by the Goethe Institut, involves learning about German companies and business, specifically those which also operate within Australia. Students were able to interview a representative from their chosen company and then in groups create a product or an advertising slogan. There was also a chance to win cash prizes! Our groups were involved with a German artist living and working in the Blue Mountains, and with the well-known company Miele.

While students are still finalising their entries for the competition, Miele invited us to visit their showroom in Mile End. They gave us demonstrations of their appliances and services, made us coffees and hot chocolates, and provided an amazing morning tea and lunch, cooked in their own kitchens, using the fanciest of ovens.

A big thank you to Miele for hosting us and for being so willing to work together with our students!

**Kathy Breitweg**
German Teacher

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## Music Notes

Congratulations to our 2025 Music Award recipients for their contributions to the music program during their time at Concordia College.

Peter Schmidt Music Award

The recipient of the Peter Schmidt Music Award displays outstanding loyalty, service and commitment to the Music Program for at least three years.

2025 Recipients

- Leilani 12TMCC
- Joshua 12TMCC

Living Choice Instrumental Endowment

The recipient of the Living Choice Instrumental Endowment consistently demonstrates community-centered characteristics.

2025 Recipients

- Madeleine 12CHEL/CFIN
- Maddison 12CHEL/CFIN

Phillips Family Concert Band Award

The recipient of the Concert Band Award exhibits the following attributes: commitment to the Concert Band, enthusiasm, a team approach, works well with the director and other students, a positive attitude, actively involved in the band, continual improvement as a musician and interest in developing their performance skills.

2025 Recipients

- Archer 12TMCC
- Evelyn 12CHEL/CFIN

Mike Stewart Memorial Award

The recipient of the Mike Stewart Memorial Award is a Big Band 1 member who displays, over an extended period, a passion for music, imagination, vitality and encouragement of others.

2025 Recipient

- Peter 12TMCC

Martin Butler String Award

The recipient of the Martin Butler String Award embodies the spirit of excellence and service within the string program, has a consistently positive attitude towards learning, is dependable, enthusiastic and always willing to help others.

2025 Recipients

- Jude 12TMCC

- Rafael 12TMCC

Well done to each of these students!

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

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## Making a Difference with Vinnies

Within every community, there are people facing hardship, loneliness, and struggling daily to simply get by. With around 1,500 people in Adelaide alone facing homelessness, something needs to be done to help these people stay warm and safe. This is where the St Vincent de Paul Society, known by many as Vinnies, steps in. Founded in Paris in 1833, Vinnies began as a small group determined to turn faith into action. With more than 45,000 volunteers, the organisation continues to support people experiencing disadvantage in our community. Guided by compassion, Vinnies works tirelessly to create a more caring and equitable world, offering a hand to those who need it most.

Vinnies provides essential services such as food assistance, emergency accommodation, women's shelters, financial advice, and home visits. Every item that is donated to Vinnies via their op shops helps provide meals, warm clothing and shelter for people facing domestic violence, homelessness, poverty or illness.

As part of my Year 11 Activating Identities and Futures (AIF) project, I wanted to create a meaningful impact within my local community. My goal was to raise awareness about the incredible work done by charities such as Vinnies, which provide essential support to people experiencing hardship and homelessness. Through this project, I aimed not only to highlight the importance of compassion and community involvement, but also to actively contribute my own skills to help those in need. By doing so, I hoped to make a positive difference and inspire others to get involved in supporting the local community.

To achieve this, I joined a knitting group that creates handmade items for Vinnies, including beanies, scarves, baby caps and teddy bears for unwell children. Within my AIF project, I learnt and developed my knitting skills, through the help of the knitting group, to be able to create and donate knitted beanies and scarves. With guidance from the group organiser, Tess Holland, I also helped deliver our donated items, along with food and essentials, to people experiencing hardship.

Tess has volunteered with Vinnies for over 20 years, assisting families with food, clothing and bills. As she says, *"The enjoyment is seeing the clients happy when they see us. We can offer a little friendship and understanding at a crucial time."* Volunteers like Tess show how compassion and community spirit truly change lives.

So, what can *you* do? Donate items, money or time to help those in need. In 2024 alone, Vinnies raised over $9.4 million to support vulnerable Australians. Help give people in our

community a glimpse of hope for the future.

To learn more or donate to Vinnies, please click the button below.

Donate to Vinnies (opens an external website in a new window)

**Laura 11BSTJ**

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## Year 1 Student-Led Conferences at St Peters Campus

The Year 1 students proudly hosted their own Student-Led Conferences, sharing their learning from our 'How We Express Ourselves' Unit of Inquiry on stories. Families were treated to an inspiring showcase of creativity—from poetry, story maps and bookmaking through to favourite book characters built from boxes.

Students reflected on how much they've grown since the start of the year, sharing new skills and personal achievements before setting goals for Term 4. It was wonderful to see their confidence and ownership of learning shine as they guided parents through their work.

Student-Led Conferences help children take responsibility for their learning and build confidence while also strengthening connections between home and school.

Thank you to our Year 1 families for celebrating this special learning journey with us!

**Nicolle Jakube**
Year 1 Teacher and Primary School Learning Leader – St Peters Campus

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## Join us for Launchpad 2025 on Tuesday 18 November

A reminder that our whole-of-College learning showcase, Launchpad, is coming up on **Tuesday 18 November**. Work from a wide range of year levels and subject areas will be on display, showcasing the extraordinary learning and growth of our students in 2025.

This year, Launchpad will lead into the St John's Campus PYP Exhibition—the culmination of the Primary School learning journey for our Year 6 students. Year 6 parents and caregivers are asked to join us in Wirrkuta Trruku for the official Exhibition opening performance at 5.45pm. Launchpad guests are also welcome to view the displays and speak to our Year 6s about their Exhibition projects.

Please mark this event in your diary today as we prepare to celebrate student learning across

the College.

Launchpad

- Date: Tuesday 18 November
- Time: 3.30–5.30pm
- Location: Fortiter Gymnasium, Concordia Campus
- Free entry

St John's Campus Year 6 PYP Exhibition

- Date: Tuesday 18 November
- Time: 5.45–7.15pm
- Location: Wirrkuta Trruku (Activity Hall), St John's Campus (just a short walk across the Oval from Fortiter)
- Free entry

We hope to see you there!

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## Dive In! St Peters Campus Reception to Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Our Reception to Year 3 students spent eight days diving into swimming lessons filled with fun, learning and confidence-building at the SA Aquatics Centre.

Each session offered something new—practising freestyle and backstroke, swimming with pool noodles, using kickboards, and developing essential water safety and survival skills, including using life jackets and learning to float. Swimming lessons not only build strong swimmers; they also teach lifelong water safety, resilience and a love of being active. Well done to all our young swimmers!

The lessons wrapped up with a fun-filled final day, featuring the water games, diving for toys and the Big Bucket—a perfect way to celebrate teamwork, courage and the joy of learning in the water!

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

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## Fortiter Cafe Open on Saturday Mornings

If you're at the College on the weekend for Saturday morning sport, you may like to stop past our Fortiter Cafe, serving from 7.30am across the Concordia sport season. Purchase a cuppa

while your cheer on your team!

Go CC!

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## Graduating Year 12 student Amelia ‘Milly’ – A Story of Courage, Talent and Triumph

As our Year 12 Class of 2025 prepares to graduate, we felt it important to pay special tribute to a student who has had a truly extraordinary high school journey.

Amelia ‘Milly’ was born in Western Australia, fully blind. At six months of age, she regained a small amount of sight but remains legally blind to this day.

In 2016, at age eight, Milly began Year 3 at Concordia College. That year, her teacher organised a blind sport demonstration to help the class understand her vision impairment. It was here that Milly was first introduced to Goalball; a sport designed specifically for people with vision impairment and a recognised Paralympic sport.

In April 2019, Milly began playing Goalball competitively. Just months later, in October, she competed, representing South Australia at her first Australian Goalball Championships (AGC), where she earned a bronze medal in the junior division.

Following the disruptions of COVID-19, Milly returned to competition in 2021, winning a gold medal in the junior division and earning promotion to the South Australian state senior team, where she helped secure a bronze medal. Her progress caught the attention of national selectors, and in 2022, Milly was added to the Aussie Belles, Australia’s senior national Goalball squad. Later that year, aged just 14, she represented her country at the World Championships in Porto, Portugal, scoring her first international goal against Egypt.

In 2023, Milly travelled to São Paulo, Brazil, to compete in the Youth World Championships, where she claimed silver after a hard-fought final against Türkiye. Domestically, she also took first place at the NSW State Championships and second at the AGC senior division.

That same year, Milly began exploring other sports and took up blind cricket. Her natural talent with the bat led to her selection in the first-ever Australian Women’s Blind and Low Vision (BLV) Cricket Team, representing Australia at the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) World Games in Birmingham, England. She earned her Baggy Green (No. 13) against England and went on to play in the final at Edgbaston Stadium, narrowly losing to India.

However, Milly's return home was met with unexpected difficulty. She struggled to recover from the overseas trip, and after becoming increasingly fatigued—culminating in being sent home from a Year 10 Camp—she was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML).

In November 2023, she began treatment at the Women’s and Children’s Hospital in Adelaide. Despite being given a small chance of recovery, Milly faced her diagnosis and numerous rounds of chemotherapy with remarkable courage. After several setbacks, she successfully

underwent a stem cell transplant at Randwick Children's Hospital in Sydney.

Her resilience paid off. By October 2024, Milly recommenced her Year 11 studies, completing all assessable work with the support of Concordia College and the Hospital School. She returned to full-time learning in Year 12 in 2025, now supported by her Guide Dog, Bixby—a loyal companion who has brought her renewed confidence, mobility and comfort.

At the start of 2025, Milly returned to training and added another sport to her repertoire: blind tennis. She steadily rebuilt her strength and was once again selected to represent Australia, this time in a T20 blind cricket series against Pakistan in April. Her year continued with a runner-up finish at the NSW BLV Tennis Championships, a doubles victory at the National Tennis Championships, and a silver medal at the AGC's held in Sydney.

Milly is now back training with the Aussie Belles, preparing for the next Goalball World Championships in her pursuit of qualification for the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.

She will also complete her Year 12 studies this year, and immediately following her final exam, she will travel to India and Sri Lanka to represent Australia at the inaugural Women's Blind and Low Vision T20 Cricket World Cup.

Milly is a shining example of what can be achieved through perseverance, courage and unrelenting determination. She has turned adversity into triumph, and her journey continues to inspire all who meet her. She is not only an elite athlete but also a role model, proving that challenges can be faced and overcome, with strength and resilience.

We are so proud of you Milly.

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## Year 9 Drama Presents Three Commedia dell Arte Performances

This semester, Year 9 students have worked with external practitioners to hone their skills in stage combat and comedy while learning the traditional theatre style of Commedia dell Arte. Featuring over-the-top performances, zany plots and plenty of slapstick comedy, students were tasked with modernising the traditional characters and generating their own unique stories.

These three Commedia troupes will present their short student-devised comedies over one evening. It is sure to get you giggling, so head to the Drama Centre on **Wednesday 29 October** - free entry!

**Daniel Lynch**
Drama Teacher

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## Year 12 Students Visit the ELC

On Wednesday 15 October a group of Year 12 students who commenced their Concordia journeys in our Early Learning Centres back in 2012 visited the St John's Campus ELC to meet with one of their ELC teachers, to reminisce and to interact with some of our youngest learners. It was a 'full circle' moment for these students, as they prepared to enter their final week as students at the College, and it was wonderful to witness the smiles on the faces of the younger children as the Year 12s paid them a visit, and on the faces of our Years 12s as they headed back to where it all began.

We wish these students and their peers in the Class of 2025 all the very best for the future!

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## Outstanding Debating Results

On Saturday 27 September, Concordia College's Year 10 Debating Team competed in the Year 10 Debating SA grand final at Parliament House. After two unanimous victories in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, the team was thrilled to advance to the grand final—their second appearance a debating grand final.

The topic was *"That the decline in the global population is a cause for concern*", and Concordia argued the negative side. **Rebecca 10VNAR**, **Keziah 10RCRO**, and **Paige 10BWHA** delivered their speeches with confidence and conviction, while **Oliver 10BWHA** and **Sophie 10JDIV** supported the team as timekeeper and reserve speaker respectively. Despite presenting a strong and well-reasoned case, the team was narrowly defeated in a split 4–1 decision to the affirmative team from Norwood International High School.

We also congratulate **Lilah 9ALAM**, who was awarded Best Speaker in the Year 9 division—an outstanding achievement. This award recognises the highest-scoring student across all rounds of the competition and reflects Lilah's exceptional skill and dedication.

The Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, will present medals to the Year 10 team and Lilah at Government House on Wednesday, 29 October 2025.

**Juliana Lanzilli**
Debating Coach

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## School TV New Topic: Substance Use and Addiction

Substance use and addiction are complex issues that can affect young people in many

different ways. While some may experiment out of curiosity or peer influence, others may use substances as a way to manage stress, anxiety or emotional pain. What may begin as occasional use can sometimes become a pattern that impacts mood, motivation and wellbeing. The developing teenage brain is particularly vulnerable to the effects of alcohol, vaping and drugs, making early use more likely to lead to harm.

For many families, understanding substance use means looking beyond the behaviour to what might be driving it. Risk-taking is a normal part of adolescence, but for some young people, it can also be a signal that they are struggling to cope. Substances can offer temporary relief, but they can also mask underlying issues such as loneliness, low self-esteem or poor mental health. When left unrecognised or unsupported, substance use can interfere with school performance, relationships and emotional development, leading to more serious challenges later in life.

This edition of SchoolTV guides families to help young people develop resilience, self-awareness and the skills to make healthy, informed choices that protect their wellbeing into adulthood.

View the New Topic  (opens an external website in a new window)
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## Turning Cans into Change! Direct Collect at St Peters Campus

Our Eco Warriors and Environmental Leaders launched an exciting new Direct Collect bin at the St Peters Campus last term. This special bin is for collecting 10¢ refundable drink containers, helping us turn recycling into real action.

The goal of this student-led initiative is to create a circular economy—where every bottle, tin can, juice or milk box collected helps fund future sustainability projects at our school. It's been exciting to see the bin fill up so quickly, showing just how committed our students are to caring for the environment.

We're looking forward to seeing where the students decide the funds will go next. This project is a wonderful example of student voice and leadership in action, building awareness about recycling, responsibility and sustainable living.

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

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## Reminder: Join us at our Primary School MADD Festival - Friday 7 November

A reminder that members of the Concordia community are warmly invited to join us for an extraordinary celebration of the arts at our 2025 Primary School MADD Festival—Music, Art,

Dance and Drama.

- **Date: Friday 7 November**
- **Time: 4:30pm to 7pm**
- **Location: St John's Campus, 20 Highgate Street, Highgate**
- **What to Bring: A Picnic basket to enjoy (alcohol is prohibited)**

The event will feature:

- Year 3 to Year 6 performances in Wirrkuta Trruku at St John's Campus
- Roving performances outdoors
- Art Exhibition

We look forward to welcoming many of you to the College as we celebrate the amazing creativity of our students.

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## SA Secondary Schools Constitutional Convention

**Charlotte 11RGOG**, **Elise 11AMOF** and **Sherry 11RAMO** were invited to attend the State Secondary Schools Constitutional Convention. The day started with a student activity which gave the opportunity to interact with students from other schools to discuss and debate the Australian Constitution, namely '*Should the Australian Constitution be easier to change*'. This activity was chaired by Dr Joe McIntrye, University of South Australia, and Cornelia Koch, University of Adelaide.

There was a diverse range of Legal Studies students involved, which allowed for differing perspectives from the young people of Adelaide on the Constitution, and some improvements that could be made.

The proceedings of the day included guest speakers. First, The Hon. Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, then speaking on 'The Australian Constitution and our History of Change', Dr Joe McIntrye from the University of South Australia. 'Different models of Constitutional change' followed, by Cornelia Koch, University of Adelaide. All speakers have worked extensively in constitutional law, making for very informative talks that helped influence debate.

The 2025 South Australian Constitutional Convention is an enjoyable experience, held in Parliament House. An interesting part of the day was the question time. The students had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the topic of the day or questions about what it’s like to be a member of parliament.

The debate section of the Constitutional Convention was what everyone was looking forward to all day. Students gathered in the House of Assembly and sat according to their views on the issue. It was interesting to see people from all different backgrounds, schools and areas’ opinions and reasoning on the same issue. It also gave students an insider’s perspective on the processes used to make changes to our constitution.

**Rick Sommariva**
Legal Studies Teacher

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## Notice of Tree Removal

At Concordia College, the safety of our students, families, staff and the wider community is our highest priority.

Unfortuntely, a small number of large gum trees at the western end of the College Oval, near our Fortiter Gymnasium, have been identified as posing a risk to the safety of those in the immediate area. These trees will therefore be removed over the summer break.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we guard the safety of our community.

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## Year 9 Community Project Intensive Week

In Week 10 of Term 3, all Year 9s participated in the Community Project Intensive Week. The Community Project is the culminating activity for students in the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and focuses on service-learning through action. The Intensive Week provided students with a range of activities to help them begin their planning for their action that will be completed throughout Term 4 during Christian Studies lessons.

Service is a core value in Lutheran education, reflecting the belief that faith is lived out through loving action. At Concordia, students are encouraged to serve others as a way of expressing compassion, humility and responsibility; values rooted in the teachings of Jesus. Galatians 5:13 says, *“Serve one another humbly in love*". Through service, students not only grow in character but also contribute meaningfully to their communities.

The first day involved students exploring and understanding the different types of service-learning and brainstorming different ways they can support their communities. On Tuesday and Wednesday, students spent two days exploring the Adelaide CBD and experiencing a range of different actions that serve the community. The students were lucky enough to have volunteers from Green Adelaide lead them through a range of volunteering activities that are undertaken at Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi wetlands and Miyawaki (tiny forest) planting; they also heard from The Adelaide Fringe Festival about accessibility and inclusion; Pastor Fraser Pearce from Bethlehem Lutheran Church spoke about the role of church communities, and students completed a range of other activities, such as the Kaurna Trail and Rundle Mall audit of service action, which were designed to allow students to build their independence.

The students will complete their action throughout Term 4, with an opportunity to exhibit their learning later this term for parents and friends to see.

**Emily Borowicki**
Middle School Learning Leader

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## Come and celebrate Light this Halloween with St John's Lutheran Church Unley

St John's Lutheran Church, Unley, is hosting a free event for the whole family and the whole community on **Friday 31 October**!

You are warmly invited to pop in and enjoy a sausage sizzle, coffee, face painting, hot popcorn, chocolate, a photo booth, games, activities and more!

Pop in anytime between 5–7pm. We would love to see you!

View the Facebook event for more details.

For more information, please contact St John's Lutheran Church, Unley on 08 8271 9556, office@stjohnsunley.lca.org.au or www.stjohnsunley.lca.org.au

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## St Peters Campus ELC Student-Led Conferences

Our Kindy children at St Peters Campus recently took part in their Student-Led Conferences, inviting their parents into our open classroom space. The children were excited to take on the role of leaders, guiding their families through a showcase of their learning. They confidently shared work samples, activities and experiences that reflected their growth and achievements throughout our latest Unit of Inquiry.

This was a wonderful opportunity for parents to see their child's learning journey in action and to celebrate the skills, knowledge and confidence that have developed in our Kindy programme. The conferences highlighted the children's independence, communication skills and joy in learning, while strengthening the connection between home and school.

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

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## SchoolTV Special Report: World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is marked every year on 10 October as a reminder of the importance of mental health to our overall wellbeing. It is a day that encourages families, schools, workplaces and communities across the globe to start conversations, reduce stigma and highlight the support available for those who may be struggling.

Mental health challenges can affect anyone: children, teens and adults alike. Recognising this helps us create more compassionate and supportive environments.

Parents and caregivers play a central role in shaping the mental health of their children. World Mental Health Day is an opportunity to pause and reflect on the pressures young people face in today's world and how we can best support them. Whether it's helping children find balance between school, technology and rest; encouraging open conversations about feelings; or modelling healthy coping strategies ourselves—small steps at home can make a big difference.

By engaging with resources and discussions around this day, families can strengthen their understanding of mental health and contribute to a culture where seeking help is seen as a sign of strength, not weakness.

This Special Report highlights the importance of World Mental Health Day and offers practical suggestions for how your family can acknowledge and support it together.

Read the Special Report  (opens an external website)
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## IGSSA and Achilles Cup Athletics Carnivals

Late in Term 3, we had a large number of Concordia students competing at both the IGGSA (girls) and Achilles Cup (boys) athletics carnivals. Across both events, our athletes produced some incredible performances with a huge number of outstanding results and placings throughout the two days.

A special congratulations to both our boys' and girls' teams, who each finished sixth overall in their respective competitions. The boys also secured their spot in Division 1 for next year—an amazing achievement, particularly given we had no Year 8 students competing as they were away on camp.

A huge thank you and congratulations to all students involved for representing Concordia with effort, resilience and pride.

**Jesse McKinnon**
Boys' Sport Coordinator

**Sue Serotzki**
Girls' Sport Coordinator

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## Knockout Basketball Update

### Year 9/10 Girls

Tuesday 14 October was a great day for a drive to the country as the Year 9/10 girls' knockout basketball team headed to Keith for Round 2 of the competition. There were a few nerves going in, knowing both opposing teams are always strong competition, but the girls came out firing and played some fantastic basketball. Both games were closely contested in the first halves, but our team of girls (ranging from Years 7–10) held strong, showing great composure, sharp shooting and exceptional defence—particularly in the second game. The girls came away with solid wins against Tenison Woods (46–28) and Trinity College (44–24), securing their spot in the next round against Scotch College.

### Year 9/10 Boys

In the boys' competition, our Year 9/10 boys played an awesome game against Mercedes College on Tuesday 21 October. It was a bit of a nail-biter with Concordia trailing by five points at 3/4 time. We managed to sink nine points from 3-pointers in the last five or so minutes, which took the game away from them. The team is in the top four and now progresses to a semifinal.

We wish both of these teams all the best as they prepare for their next matches.

### Year 5/6 Girls

Our Year 5/6 girls made it to the grand final in the Statewide Schools Basketball this year—an amazing result from a field of 160 teams. Unfortunately the grand final match didn't go our way. Well done to the players and to their coach, Mr Tothill.

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## Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Marco 11AMOF**, who performed at the AMEB SA and NT 2025 Showcase Concert on Saturday 27 September at the University of Adelaide's Elder Hall. Students performing at the concert had met the following criteria:

- passed a practical exam this year at AMEB Grade 4 and above
- been nominated by their examiner as having demonstrated an ability to display an engaging, polished and commanding performance under exam conditions
- been selected by the AMEB Program Director

Marco performed Sonata (Mvt 1) by Karl Pilss, an AMusA Trumpet item.

Completing an AMusA is an extraordinary achievement. Well done, Marco!

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Congratulations to **Ulani 10DLYN** for successfully passing her LMusA (Licentiate in Music, Australia) on Oboe. This is the highest diploma award offered by the Australian Music Examination Board, and an incredible achievement to have completed at such a young age.

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Congratulations to two of our Senior A volleyballers and national volleyball trip team members, **Erin** and **Hannah**, on their fantastic efforts at the recent U16 and U18 Nationals Volleyball competition. South Australia's U16 team finished second. Well done!

Marco performing at the AMEB concert at Elder Hall

Ulani performing at Harmony in the Chapel

Erin and Hannah representing South Australia in the U16 team at the volleyball nationals

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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.

Umbrellas

The following items are now available in The School Shop:

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

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## CC Café Term 4 Menu

Download a copy of the CC Café menu for Term 4 to see what is on offer.

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Public Notices & Events

- **St John's Lutheran Church, Unley**, is hosting a Light Up Halloween event on Friday 31 October from 5–7pm, with a sausage sizzle, coffee, face painting, popcorn, games, activities and more. Download a flyer for more information.
- **Hills Little Athletics** are hosting free come and try sessions, with the summer season running from October to March at 9am on Sundays. Download a flyer for more information.
- **Flinders University** is inviting Australians aged 14–25 who have concerns about body image to participate in an online mental health activity on a mobile phone as well as three surveys. Download a flyer for more information.

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