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2026 Term 3 Week 3

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## From the Senior School Leader

Term 3 always seems to arrive with a certain energy. It's a busy term—assessments, events, leadership responsibilities, and the steady hum of daily school life. It's also our last term as a full College Community before our Year 12s step into their final weeks with us in Term 4. That reality brings both excitement and a little poignancy.

In the rush of this season, it's easy to forget the strength of the community around us. We brush off offers of help because we're "fine", we push through tasks alone because it feels quicker, and sometimes, we forget to look up and notice who might need a hand themselves.

However, we always find our way back to each other. Sometimes it's a gentle reminder that we can't do everything on our own. Sometimes it's seeing someone else who needs support and realising we have something to offer. These moments pull us back into connection, into grace, back into a shared understanding that we are better together.

We see this every day. We see it in our Student Leaders, who create activities that bring year levels together, even when their own schedules are full. We see it in our Action Leaders, who step in to help with school events despite having assessments of their own. We see it when students notice a lost family and walk them to where they need to be. We see it when teachers sit beside a student who is struggling, offering time, patience and encouragement.

These aren't grand gestures. They're the small, consistent acts that shape our culture. They're the daily expressions of grace and care that remind us what it means to belong to a community like ours.

As we move towards the final stretch of the year, especially for our Year 12s, the coming weeks will be busy, emotional and full of milestones. I encourage all of us to keep leaning into these moments. The coming weeks will also be filled with opportunities to support one another, celebrate our students, and stay connected as one College community.

**Laura Austin**
Senior School Leader

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## Grandfriends' Morning at St Peters Campus

There was a wonderful sense of joy and connection across our campus as we celebrated Grandfriends' Morning at St Peters Campus. Students were delighted to welcome their grandparents and special friends into their classrooms, sharing their learning, activities and everyday school experiences.

The day was filled with smiles, laughter and meaningful conversations as generations came together to spend time with one another. It was heartwarming to see the pride on students' faces as they introduced their grandfriends to their teachers, classmates and learning spaces.

Grandfriends' Morning is a special reminder of the important role grandparents and older generations play in the lives of our children. Their wisdom, love and encouragement help shape the people our students are becoming.

We thank all of our grandfriends who joined us for this special celebration. Your presence made the day truly memorable, and we are grateful for the warmth, support and sense of community you bring to St Peters Campus.

**Lisa Smith**
Year 4/5 Teacher

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## Waverley International Netball Championships

In Week 1 of the mid-year holidays, one Senior team netball (Year 10–12) and one Middle team (Year 8–9) travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Waverley International Netball Championships.

A fantastic week of high-quality netball saw us playing against teams from Singapore, Malaysia, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and Victoria. In the minor round, our Senior team won five from seven games, placing them in the top 12 for finals, while our Middle team finished 13th to move into the finals round.

A strong final day saw both teams win both of their finals games to consolidate their ranking:

- Seniors 9th from 34
- Middles 13th from 24.

The girls were wonderful ambassadors for the College, upholding the qualities of respect and care while playing a high standard of netball and growing in skill and team cohesion throughout the week.

Thank you to Gemma Hampel, Ash Bryant and Matt Tothill for their support of both teams on and off the court, and to Jodie Hamilton-Melhuish for coaching and guiding the Middle team.

**Corrina Ridley**
Nutrition, Science and PE Teacher

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## Year 1s Celebrate 100 Days of School

Year 1s celebrated 100 Days of School in Week 2! We dressed up as a 100-year-old or pinned 100 items to our clothes. Our day worked perfectly with our History Unit of Inquiry: “Places, objects and the way people do things change over time.” Students participated in an olden-days Maths lesson, then a present-day Maths lesson. We compared them and decided which one we like best. The unanimous decision was the present day! A very big thank you to families for all your effort in making the day a lot of fun.

**Jacqui Lovett**
Year 1 Teacher

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## SchoolTV Special Report

Mental health is an essential part of a young person's overall wellbeing, influencing how they think, feel, learn and interact with others. Yet many of us can feel uncertain about how best to identify concerns, start conversations or access appropriate support.

Mental health literacy is not about becoming an expert. It's about recognising when something isn't right, knowing how to respond and understanding where to seek help when needed. By building this awareness and capability, we can play an important role in supporting wellbeing, reducing stigma and encouraging early help-seeking.

This Special Report explores how we can strengthen our mental health literacy and includes a Mental Health Literacy Reflection Tool. By completing a series of questions, you can reflect on your own understanding, confidence and readiness to support the mental health and wellbeing of young people.

It is an opportunity to identify your strengths, recognise areas where you may wish to build your knowledge and take positive steps towards feeling more confident in supporting children and young people.

Read the Special Report  (opens an external website in a new window)
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## Enrichment and Extended Learning News

### Rostrum Voice of Youth SA / NT State Final

Year 11 student Keziah recently showcased her exceptional public speaking talents at the South Australia / Northern Territory Zone Final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition. From a field of more than 160 students who competed across the state in 2026, Keziah was one of just four Senior speakers selected to progress to the prestigious State Final, held at Parliament House. Reaching the Rostrum Voice of Youth State Final is an outstanding achievement and places a student among the very best young public speakers in South Australia. It reflects exceptional skill in speech writing, critical thinking, persuasive communication, and the confidence to excel through multiple highly competitive qualifying rounds. Keziah represented Concordia with distinction, demonstrating outstanding poise, eloquence and intellectual maturity. Congratulations to all the incredible young people who participated.

## Brain Bee State Final

On Friday 24 July, seven Year 10 students represented us at the State Final of the Brain Bee Challenge at Flinders University. Our students collectively answered close to 18,000 questions about the brain and neurodegenerative diseases in the lead up to this event. What a mammoth effort! At the end of the individual round of testing, 50% of the top 10 students in South Australia were from Concordia. Our extraordinary team of Lyla, Lucy, Noah and Zoe competed in the Team Challenge, with two rigorous rounds of questioning. The day concluded with a series of fascinating presentations from PhD neuroscience students before the much-anticipated results were announced. We were delighted to learn that our students had achieved outstanding success.

Congratulations to our team who placed first in South Australia in the Team Challenge. In a very special moment, we also celebrated Lucy who placed second and Noah who placed first in South Australia in the individual challenge. Noah will now progress to the national final round. Congratulations to every student who participated. With neurons firing and neural pathways strengthening, these students have shown that great minds are built by embracing a challenge.

## Oliphant Science Awards

A total of 17 students from Concordia's secondary campus (Years 7–12) have submitted entries into the 2026 Oliphant Science Awards, the largest science competition in South Australia. Formal judging of all entries will take place this week. On the weekend (8–9 August) there will be an Oliphant Science display of student work from across the state at Science Alive. This is an immersive event where visitors discover the science behind all aspects of our day-to-day lives. There will be a diverse range of exhibits and interactive displays to spark curiosity. The Oliphant Science Awards celebrate curiosity, creativity and scientific thinking, and we are incredibly proud of every student who entered. Preparing an entry requires significant dedication, perseverance and a willingness to challenge oneself.

## 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 Senior conference (Years 10–12) will be on Tuesday 18 August and the Junior Thinkers Conference (Year 7–9) will be on Wednesday 19 August. This is the 13th year Concordia has hosted these important events on the Adelaide gifted 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 $45 for participating students to attend the conference, which must be paid via the school website online payments system.

**Emma Rieger**
Enrichment and Extended Learning

Keziah competing in Rostrum Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition

Concordia's First Placed Brain Bee Challenge Team

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## Adam Cece – Author in Residence

Over the past two weeks, award-winning children's and young adult author Adam Cece has been at Concordia College running Writer's Workshops with students at our Middle and Senior School Campus and at our St Peters Campus. Every Year 7 and 8 student has had three sessions with Adam—an author talk and two extensive Writer's Workshops to help improve their creative writing skills.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn from an industry expert. Adam has shared tips of the trade that he has honed over several years as an author and through his Teen Writer's Workshops. Strategies included: adding a twist, how to develop characters, overcoming writer's block, sticking with it, writing for at least 15 minutes every day, use of dialogue and word play.

We are extremely grateful to Adam for generously sharing his passion, knowledge and craft. Adam's latest young adult book "The Locked Room" is one of the 2026 Children's Book Council of Australia's Notable Books.

**Hajnalka Molloy**
Learning Resources Manager

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## Reminder: Year 10 Immunisation Program

**Immunisation Information for Parents / Appointed Legal Guardians of Year 10 Students**

The SA 2026 School Immunisation Program will be delivered by Eastern Health Authority on **Friday 14 August 2026** (2nd and final visit).

All Year 10 students will be offered:

- dose 2 of the meningococcal B vaccine

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

We would encourage all parents/appointed legal guardians to read the information supplied in

the packs before providing consent for your child to be vaccinated at school. Additional, further information and videos are available online (click to view) if required.

If your child missed their first school immunisation visit and hasn't yet attended a catch-up clinic:

- The missed vaccines will be offered at the upcoming school visit.
- Following the immunisation, it is then recommended that you contact EHA to book an additional follow-up appointment on or after 8 weeks at one of our council clinics.

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

Tips for the day of immunisation:

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

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

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

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## Voices of Concordia 2026

Congratulations to all our vocalists who performed in the 2026 Voices of Concordia concert last Thursday evening in the Chapel.

For the first time, the concert featured choirs and vocal ensembles from all three campuses, showcasing individual performances before joining together for a spectacular massed finale. Special congratulations go to our senior students who performed solo items during the evening.

The concert was a wonderful celebration of vocal music in all its styles and forms, highlighting the talent, dedication and passion of our students.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making the event such a success, including our students, staff and supporters. It was truly a memorable night of music and community.

**Kellie Rich**
Head of Music ELC–12

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## Reminder: Term 3 P&F Meeting - Monday 10 August

We warmly invite parents and caregivers from all three campus to our Term 3 P&F meeting on Monday 10 August.

- Date: Monday 10 August
- Time: 5.45–7.00pm
- Venue: Nature's Providore, Living Choice, 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton

We are excited to be gathering at Nature's Providore in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Come along before the meeting from 5.45–6.00pm to enjoy good company, delicious food, a glass of wine and the warmth of the fire while catching up with other parents and caregivers.

Whether you are a regular attendee or joining us for the first time, we would love to see you there.

Together we will begin planning for 2027, hear the latest College updates, explore ways to get involved and strengthen the connections that make our community so special.

We hope you can join us for an enjoyable evening of conversation, connection and collaboration.

To assist with catering and meeting preparations, please RSVP to Angela Warrick.

Please also click the PDF attachments to view the previous minutes and the upcoming agenda:

- P&F Minutes from 11 May 2026
- P&F Meeting Agenda

We hope to see you there!

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## 'The Tale of Frieda Keysser' Book Donation

Early this term, Concordia was honoured to receive a very kind donation of the three volumes of "The Tale of Frieda Keysser" by John Strethlow from Glen Auricht.

The books document the life and impact of Frieda Keysser, who was a pioneering Lutheran missionary. She travelled from Germany to the remote Hermannsburg Mission in Central Australia, where she devoted her life to supporting the Arrernte community. She learned the Arrernte language; worked closely with women and children to improve education, health and daily living; and contributed significantly to the mission's linguistic and cultural research. Through her practical leadership, writings and collaboration with her husband, Carl Strehlow,

she helped transform Hermannsburg into a thriving community while preserving an invaluable record of Arrernte culture and life.

In more recent times Glen Auricht has also made a significant contribution to the communities in and around the Finke River mission. During his time there he has learnt a number of First Nations Languages and has emphasised learning the culture of the First Nations people whilst sharing his skills and knowledge in building and construction. He recently presented to the Friends of Lutheran Archives. His talk can be viewed here: FoLA Meeting 23 July 2026 - "Moving Back to Country" Speaker: Glen Auricht.

We thank Glen for his very generous donation. It is available from the Concordia Campus (Middle and Senior School) library to be borrowed. Parents are also very welcome to borrow these, or any other books from our library.

**Hajnalka Molloy**
Learning Resources Manager

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## Year 12 Media Students' Promotional Content featured in The Advertiser

Our Year 12 Media students recently took their learning beyond the classroom, travelling to the picturesque township of Willunga to create professional promotional photography and video content for a range of local businesses and tourism venues.

Working in small production teams, students applied the skills they have developed throughout the year to plan, film and photograph authentic marketing content. The excursion provided an invaluable opportunity to work with real clients, respond to creative briefs and produce media designed for genuine promotional purposes, an experience that mirrors the expectations of the creative industries.

The day proved to be a tremendous success, with students producing an impressive collection of high-quality images and promotional videos that showcased the unique character and charm of the township.

A particular highlight came after the excursion when one of the students' photographs, captured by **Cameron (12CFIL)** and **Laura (12CFIL)**, was selected by ‘Tread Lightly’ for use in The Advertiser newspaper to promote their business. Having their work published in a major newspaper is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates the exceptional standard of work being produced by our students.

Experiences such as these allow students to build technical expertise while developing essential workplace skills including communication, collaboration, problem-solving and client engagement. We are incredibly proud of the professionalism and creativity displayed throughout the project and grateful to the Willunga businesses for providing such an authentic learning opportunity.

**Chrissie File**

Learning Area Coordinator – Media

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## Careers And Pathways Update

### New Careers and Industry Connections Office

I've just moved into the new Careers and Industry Connections office and invite students to please come by. This wonderful new resource is located off the hallway in the library and I encourage students to drop in with questions, grab an information booklet or two, seek help developing a resume or applying for a job or even just say, "Hi!"

### Work Experience

More than 130 Year 10s participated in a very positive week of work experience in the final week of Term 2. We had students working in schools, real estate, physiotherapy, hospitals, laboratories, architecture, hospitality, building and construction, and much more. The students all reported having a valuable learning experience. Some placements have even led to employment offers.

**Darcy (10NBOY)** spent a week at Blue Crystal Solutions, an IT managed services and consulting company, and had a terrific time.

> *"It was really fun and interesting to learn what an IT partner actually does and also how to build my own website."*

Meanwhile, the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Department of General Medicine hosted **Sophie (10NBOY)**, who had a busy and memorable week.

> *"I really enjoyed being a part of the Emergency Medicine Team, seeing a wide variety of cases and seeing different kinds of patients all across the hospital."*

### Exploring Futures – Careers Evening

On Monday 3 August our Senior School students listened to first-hand experiences from more than 20 professionals about a range of Careers at Concordia College's annual Exploring Futures Careers Evening. They also visited expo stalls to explore tertiary options and connect with a variety of industries.

**Roxley (10VNAR)** said,

> "It was good to speak with the people who actually do the job. It was interesting to learn how many different jobs are available in the Australian Defence Force."

**Penny (10BWHA)**, who attended four different presentations, said,

> "The evening enabled me to broaden my options and not have such a closed-mind

set.”

Parents/caregivers who are interested to present at future Careers events are invited to contact me.

## SATAC

The SATAC website for applying for university and TAFE courses in SA/NT opened on Monday 3 August. All of the Year 12s will hear a presentation about SATAC applications on Friday 21 August.

If you have questions in the interim, please feel free to email me or you may wish to check out the SATAC website: www.satac.edu.au

If you’re thinking about applying for tertiary study interstate, you may wish to explore these websites:

- NSW/ACT
- Victoria
- WA
- QLD
- Tasmania

## Opportunities at the University of Tasmania

*Feed Your Mind, Feed the World* is a free three-day camp open to all Australian Year 11 and 12 students who are curious about where agriculture could take them. The University of Tasmania offers the Bachelor of Agricultural Science and the Bachelor of Agriculture and Agribusiness, giving you the flexibility to focus on hands on science, innovation, or the business side of the industry.

- Dates: 7–9 December 2026.
- Cost: Free, though travel isn't covered. Interstate students may be eligible for up to $400 towards flights.
- How to apply: Submit an expression of interest. Your application will be assessed on your response explaining why you want to take part in the camp.

*From Critters to the Cosmos* is a practical learning experience open to all 2027 Australian Year 12 students. This field-based experience is designed to inspire and challenge you through hands-on natural science activities, including study of geological formations, animal and plant observations, participation in drone navigation, a visit to an observatory, with integrated mathematical and chemistry applications. It's a practical taste of the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Geospatial Sciences and Bachelor of Natural Environments and Conservation.

- Dates: Tuesday 13 to Saturday 17 April 2027
- Cost: Covered by the university. Interstate students will be eligible for reimbursement of up to $500 for air travel.
- How to apply: Submit an expression of interest.

## Considering a Career as a Doctor?

If you're seriously considering a career in medicine, medical work experience provides insight into the field, helps develop skills and attributes, and offers networking opportunities, but medical work experience can be hard to find. That's why NIE has developed the Future Doctors Australia program; a four-day experience for ages 14 to 18 that provides an opportunity to gain medical work experience in a safe, structured environment. You'll spend time with current junior and senior medical students, as well as senior clinicians and medical specialists, learning about their fields, asking questions and learning hands-on skills.

The program runs in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth throughout the rest of 2026 and into 2027. It includes over 15 hours of face-to-face interaction with clinicians, morning tea and lunch, for $2,490. Find dates, locations and availability at Future Doctors Australia.

## Early Childhood Careers

Early childhood education plays a vital role in supporting the development, learning and wellbeing of children from birth to five years old. Through play-based learning, children build important life skills that help them get ready for school. Working in early childhood education involves providing care, guiding children's learning, and planning, leading and assessing educational programs.

Curious to learn more about careers in Early Childhood? Explore the links below:

- Early Childhood Education Career Spotlight on the Good Universities Guide.
- Year13 Early Childhood Teacher Virtual Work Experience
- Year13 Serious About Play Academy.

To obtain Careers and Pathways help, visit me in the Careers and Industry Connections office or email nboyko@concordia.sa.edu.au

**Tarsh Boyko**
Careers and Pathways Advisor

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## Join in our 2026 Father's Day Celebrations

A reminder that fathers, grandfathers and their children from across the Concordia College community (ELC–Year 12) are invited to join us for our Father's Day Celebration events.

Come along and enjoy a delicious breakfast and a chance to connect with other families in a relaxed environment **plus** all adult guests go in the draw to win a $100 Barrow & Bench Mitre 10 voucher!

Please see details below and book online to secure your tickets. We hope to see you there.

## Highgate Campuses

- Date: Wednesday 2 September
- Time: 7.30–8.30am
- Location: Wirrkuta Trruku Activity Hall, St John's Campus
- Cost: $10 per person

Highgate Bookings  (opens an external website in a new window)

## Blackwood Campus

- Date:
- Time: 7.30–8.30am
- Location: St Peters Lutheran Church Hall, St Peters Campus
- Cost: $10 per person

Blackwood Bookings  (opens an external website)

Thank you to our sponsors—Moo Premium Foods and Barrow & Bench Mitre 10—for their generous support of these events.

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## Write a Book in a Day Competition

On Friday 31 July, 90 students from across our 3 campuses participated in the Write a Book in a Day Competition, beginning at 8am and finishing at 8pm. In total, 14 groups of 5–9 students had 12 hours to write and illustrate a digital book from start to finish! Pleasingly, this event has doubled in size compared to last year!

Students were given some parameters and also five random words that needed to be included in their story. They worked out who would do what and then busied themselves doing it. There were authors, illustrators, editors, timekeepers and organisers, who all worked together. There was a gentle hum of voices throughout the day. The students were really happy to finally have their creation uploaded!

These books will be sent to children’s hospitals around Australia, for sick children to access. The books are also being judged. Each student will receive a copy of their book, and there will be a copy added to the library collection too.

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

Thank you to Louise Thomas and Emma Rieger, who helped support the students throughout the day, and to leadership staff and teachers that popped in at various times.

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

**Hajnalka Molloy**
Learning Resources Manager

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## Supporting Your Year 12 Student Through Term 3

Term 3 is often one of the most demanding periods of the Year 12 journey. As assessment deadlines approach and students begin thinking about final exams and life beyond school, it's normal for stress levels to increase—for both students and parents.

One of the most helpful things parents can do during this time is to focus on connection over performance. While it's natural to ask about study and results, taking time to check in about how your young person is feeling can make a significant difference. Encouraging regular breaks, healthy sleep, balanced routines, and reminding them that their worth extends beyond their ATAR can help reduce pressure and build resilience.

If your child is finding the demands of Year 12 overwhelming, early support can make a meaningful difference.

Upward Psychology offers:

- Psychological assessments for students requiring evidence to support applications for SACE special provisions and examination accommodations.
- Psychological intervention to help students manage:
    - Stress and exam anxiety
    - Motivation and procrastination
    - Emotional regulation
    - Confidence and coping skills
    - General wellbeing and guidance regarding life after school

We have two psychologists working solely with the Concordia College community on Mondays and Tuesdays in Term 3. Natalie Muldoon and David Scholz work collaboratively with students and families to develop practical strategies that support both academic success and emotional wellbeing during this important stage of life.

In addition to supporting senior students, we provide psychological assessment and intervention for children and adolescents across all year levels, helping with anxiety, emotional regulation, learning differences, behavioural concerns, school transitions, social challenges, and overall wellbeing.

If you would like to learn more about our services or discuss how we may be able to support your child, please visit www.upwardpsychology.com.au

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## Drama Connections to Industry

Over the winter break, Drama students did not rest. We had students involved in a range of local industry experiences, developing their skills and connections with the vibrant Adelaide performance scene.

Five Year 11 students—Rebecca, Hannah, Neeka, Holly and Elizabeth—attended a one-day workshop at the Academy of Interactive Entertainment, as part of their prize winnings for the 2025 48 Hour Film Project, exploring the process of filmmaking and experimenting with digital environments.

Rex and Keziah (Year 11) attended the State Theatre Company's Winter School program, run by established practitioner Katie Cawthorne. They formed a company and generated a unique devised work over the course of four days with students from across South Australia.

Finally, in most exciting news, Year 11 students Zoe, Jem, Lani and Ethan were selected by Australian Theatre for Young People to present their interpretation of a brand new play, *Driving Everywhere and Nowhere at Once* by Sean Larry Mudariki, at the inaugural South Australian Intersection Festival at the Parks Theatre on Tuesday 4 August, along with other participating schools.

Here's to another semester of our Drama students building their creative industries experience!

**Daniel Lynch**
Key Teacher – Drama

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## Concordia in Concert - Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets are now on sale for our annual music showcase, *Concordia in Concert 2026 – The Red Carpet Edition*—an event not to be missed!

Hosted by Old Concordian and professional performer **Mark Stefanoff (2008)**, the evening will feature performances by a wide range of music groups from across the College, inspired by the glamour and greatness of the GRAMMY Awards®.

Come dressed to impress for an evening of stunning performances by our talented Music students.

- Date: Friday 4 September

- Time: 7.00pm (doors open from 6.30pm)
- Location: Fortiter (ELC–12 Gymnasium), Concordia Campus

We will also be drawing a raffle on the night, with three amazing prizes:

1. Kawai ES120SB Piano Keyboard Kit (including stand and pedal) | Donated by Kawai
2. Murray Bridge Bridgeport Hotel & Bottle of Champagne (voucher for 1 night for 2 people) | Donated by Living Choice
3. Basic Wills Package* & $50 Voucher for Vinh Xuan Pholicious (*couples) | Donated by CPC Lawyers and Vinh Xuan Pholicious

Tickets will be drawn and the winners (jn order) will get to select their prize from the options above. Raffle tickets are $5 each.

Book online today. We hope to see you there!

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Special thanks to our Diamond Sponsors:
Kawai and LLL

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## German Language Week Competition

In May this year, Concordia held its very first Languages Week, which also happened to coincide with the nationally celebrated German Language Week. Our German students were able to participate in several competitions organised by the Goethe Institute. The Year 11 German class was the lucky national winner of the Deutschland Quiz, and recently received a parcel of goodies in recognition of their success!

Herzlichen Glückwunsch!

**Trish Prenzler**
Faculty Leader Languages and Year 11 German Teacher

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## Music Notes

### Vocal Concert at Living Choice, Fullarton

On Wednesday 21 July, from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm, a group of our talented Year 11 vocalists performed an hour-long concert for the residents of Living Choice.

The performance was a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their love of music and the joy of singing with the residents. It also provided a valuable chance for them to gain further

performance experience in a warm and appreciative environment.

The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance, with students and residents alike benefitting from the uplifting experience. Thank you to Mr St John and Cameron (Year 12) who accompanied students on the day.

A sincere thank you also to our vocalists—Max, Will, Nick, Yolanna, Portia and Rebecca—for their outstanding contributions and for representing the school so positively. Their enthusiasm, talent and commitment made the afternoon a memorable occasion for all.

### Adelaide Eisteddfod Results

Congratulations to everyone who competed at the Adelaide Eisteddfod. We have had some great results, including:

- Kelly (Year 4) – second place in the 8–9 Years Cello and Double Bass section
- Henry (Year 6) – second place in the 11 years and under any brass instrument solo
- Rupert (Year 9) – second place in the Grade 5 AMEB flute section
- Leon (Year 10) – second place in the 13–16 any string session
- Sherry's (Year 12 ) String Quartet won the 18 years and under Chamber music section.

**Kellie Rich**
Head of Music ELC–12

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## Celebrating 125 Years of the Australian Constitution in Legal Studies

On Wednesday 5 August, the Year 12 Legal Studies classes celebrated 125 years of the Australian Constitution—125 and a half years after Federation, and 126 years and one month to the day since the Australian Constitution Act was passed by the UK Parliament. Given the links to the UK, we enjoyed tea and scones after singing Happy Birthday to the Constitution. Birthday cake and some uniquely Australian treats were also on offer. The event gave us a chance to reflect on the development and importance of the Constitution and Federation, and the dignity that the Constitution affords.

**Judy Harris**
Legal Studies Teacher

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## Introducing Drama’s Artist in Residence

We are excited to announce that Ashton Malcolm will be Drama’s inaugural Artist in Residence for Semester 2, 2026!

Ashton Malcolm is a Kaurna Country-based actor, theatremaker and creative facilitator whose work spans theatre, film and performance art. Her performance credits include productions with the Sydney Theatre Company, State Theatre Company of South Australia, Windmill Theatre, Patch Theatre, Brink Productions and Restless Dance Theatre.

As a proud child of teachers, Ashton has always had a passion for teaching and loves working with students to build their creativity, confidence and performance skills. She is honoured to be our first Artist in Residence for Drama, and to be working with the State Theatre Company of South Australia to more formally link students to professional industry.

Ashton loves the beach, sleeping in and cheese platters for dinner. She is scared of heights, which is quite ironic given how tall she is. Read more about Ashton here.

As Artist in Residence, Ashton will work with Senior Drama students in Years 10–12 across Term 3 as they prepare for the 48 Hour Film Project, State Theatre Young Theatremakers Award and Stage 2 external SACE assessments.

**Daniel Lynch**
Key Teacher – Drama

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## Year 5 Tree Planting with Woodlake Reserve Action Group

Recently our Year 5 students from the St Peters Campus joined the Woodlake Reserve Action Group and local community volunteers for a tree planting day at Woodlake Reserve.

The students were excited to get involved and worked hard throughout the morning, planting native seedlings in a designated area of the reserve. Working together in teams, they helped plant more than 100 trees, making a valuable contribution to the ongoing restoration of this important community space.

The students showed excellent teamwork, helping each other dig holes, carry seedling trays and make sure each plant was carefully placed in the ground. Their positive attitude and willingness to get stuck in were evident throughout the day.

Members of the Woodlake Reserve Action Group and community volunteers were quick to praise the students for their hard work, cooperation and respectful behaviour. Many commented on how impressive it was to see the students working so well together and taking pride in the task at hand.

As well as helping the environment, the experience gave students a chance to learn about the importance of protecting local habitats and supporting native wildlife. It was a valuable hands-on learning opportunity that highlighted the difference people can make when they work together in their community.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 students for the enthusiasm they brought to the project.

A big thank you to the Woodlake Reserve Action Group and all of the community volunteers who welcomed our students and shared their knowledge and passion for caring for our local environment.

**Lisa Smith**
Year 4/5 Teacher

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## Author and Illustrator Visit in Year 5 at St John's Campus

In Week 1 of Term 3, we were privileged to have author and illustrator Andrew McDonough visit the Year 5 classes to workshop with them how to draw for their graphic novels.

He gave them lots of tips and tricks. Added to this, he helped support and encourage their ideas about themselves as artists.

It was a fun day filled with laughter and learning. Look out for their finished graphic novels soon.

**Anita Ruggiero**
on behalf of the Year 5 teaching team

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## Pyjamas with a Purpose

There was plenty of colour, comfort and community spirit around St Peters Campus as students and staff came to school in their favourite pyjamas to support National Pyjama Day.

While it was certainly a fun and cosy day, it also provided an opportunity to make a meaningful difference. Through donations, our school helped raise funds for The Pyjama Foundation, supporting children living in foster care through its Love of Learning Program. The program provides volunteer mentors who help children build confidence, develop learning skills and experience the stability of a positive relationship.

It was wonderful to see our community embrace the day with enthusiasm, knowing that something as simple as wearing pyjamas could help create brighter futures for children who need it most.

A heartfelt thank you to all our families for your generosity and support. Together, we showed that kindness and compassion can be as simple as coming to school in your favourite pair of pyjamas.

**Nicolle Dupree**
Primary School Learning Leader

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## Year 11 First Aid Course

On the last Wednesday of Term 2, close to 80 Year 11 students participated in a Red Cross first aid course. The students demonstrated competency in both theory and practical components, and will now be able to manage emergency situations with greater confidence. Road safety awareness is also a key component of the Year 11 Pastoral Care programme, and the skills that the students learn in the first aid course serve as a useful complement to the road safety programme.

**Judy Harris**
Year 11 Leader

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## Pedal Prix Tailem Bend 8-Hour Race

Six Pedal Prix teams from the Concordia and St Peters campuses competed in the Tailem Bend 8-Hour race on Saturday, 1 August. Ideal weather conditions welcomed 191 teams from across Australia, creating the perfect setting for an exciting day of racing. Our wonderful community of parents, staff and students brought plenty of enthusiasm and support throughout the event.

All six teams tackled the long, technical circuit, which featured multiple hill climbs and challenging headwinds. Each team adopted its own race strategy to successfully complete the demanding eight-hour event. Racing ran smoothly with minimal time off the track, and every team represented the College with outstanding determination, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Standout performances included our Middle School A trike, Raptor, which battled for a top seven position throughout the race and strengthened its place on the overall series podium. The St Peters Campus trike, Blue Saint, also delivered an excellent performance, finishing in the top 10 of the Primary School category.

A sincere thank you to all the parents and staff whose support in the lead-up to the event and on race day made this achievement possible. We look forward to finishing the season at the 24-Hour Murray Bridge race in September.

Results

| Team | Category Position | Laps |
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| Costa (S3) | 17th | 82 |
| Raptor (S2) | 7th | 81 |
| Concorde (S2) | 12th | 75 |
| Veloci (S2) | 41st | 56 |
| Shockwave (S2) | 42nd | 55 |

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| Blue Saint (S1) | 10th | 59 |

**Matthew Smart**
Pedal Prix Coordinator

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## Senior School Course Counselling and Subject Selection

Since the start of Term 3, students in Years 9 to 11 have participated in the annual course counselling and subject selection process, helping them make informed decisions about their future learning pathways.

As part of this process, students completed their SACE Subject Planners, exploring subject options and considering how their selections align with their interests, strengths and future career or study goals.

In Week 2, students attended the Senior School Subject Expo, where teachers and current Year 12 students shared information and experiences from each senior school subject. This provided valuable insights into course content, expectations and opportunities.

Students also participated in year-level presentations outlining SACE requirements, senior school pathways and the subject selection process. These sessions ensured students understood the requirements for successful completion of the SACE and the options available to them.

The process will conclude in Week 4, with course counselling meetings involving students and their families. These individual meetings provide an opportunity to discuss subject choices, review pathway plans and ensure selections are appropriate for each student's aspirations and goals.

Thank you to our students and families for their engagement throughout this process so far. We look forward to supporting our students as they continue to plan for a successful and rewarding future.

**Fiona Greig**
Senior School Learning Leader

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## Inter-school Chess Update

Each Friday lunchtime this year, many students have gathered in the YBR to take part in Chess Club. Their games have provided them with opportunities to develop their chess skills and

make new friends, including from other year levels.

Nine students have also chosen to take on the challenge of playing inter-school chess in the SA Junior Chess League Secondary School Division 2 competition. We are now halfway through the competition season, and both teams are ranked equal 11th place out of 36 teams. This is an excellent result, particularly given that the majority of our competitors this year are new to the secondary school inter-school competition.

We look forward to the remainder of the chess season!

**Judy Harris**
Inter-school Chess Coordinator

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## Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Coby (11SCOO)**, who recently flew to Brisbane to take part in two official ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) 10m Air Rifle competitions. The competitions had competitors from all over Australia. The first competition was a mixed pairs competition, with 13 teams of two athletes taking part and the top four highest-scoring teams qualifying for the final. Coby and his teammate were one of those teams. The second competition was the standard 60-shot competition, with the top eight scorers from both the men's and women's groups qualifying for their respective final. Coby qualified for the men's final in third place out of the nine male athletes there, and then finished in 3rd place after the final, winning a bronze medal. Well done, Coby!

Congratulations to **Ivy (7KSPA)**, who competed as a member of South Australia's Tier 1 State Calisthenics Team at the Interstate Challenge in Perth late in Term 2. Her team earned three 1st places, two 2nds, and a 3rd to be runners up by just two aggregate points in a very tight competition. Well done, Ivy!

Congratulations to **Erin (11AMOF)**, who has been selected to compete for SA in the Under 17 girls team at the Australian Youth Volleyball Championships in Perth, WA, 20-25th September. Erin was also called up to compete in the under 21 women's South Australian Team for the 2026 Australian Junior Volleyball Championships. At this competition, SA won the Bronze medal, and Erin was in the starting six throughout. Old Concordian Miriam (Class of 2024) was also part of the team. Well done, Erin and Miriam!

Coby (11SCOO)

Ivy (7KSPA)

Centre and Right: **Erin (11AMOF)** and **Miriam (Class of 2024)**

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### The School Shop

Term 3 New Opening Hours

**General trading – no appointment required.**

- Monday: 8am–4pm
- Wednesday: 1pm–4.30pm
- Thursday: 1pm–6.15pm
- Friday: 1pm–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.

Secondhand Uniform Sales

The School Shop advises that our terms and conditions for the sale of secondhand uniforms have been updated, along with the consignment form. Secondhand uniform items can now be donated or sold on consignment according to our new Terms and Conditions for the sale of

secondhand uniforms.

Download a consignment form

Umbrellas

The following items are now available in The School Shop:

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

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Public Notices & Events

- **Walk My Way** Aberfoyle Park is stepping our to protect refugee girls through a walkathon at Happy Valley Reservoir on Saturday 12 September. Download a flyer for more information.
- **Brazuca Futsal** clinics run every Tuesday from 7–8pm in the Concordia College multipurpose hub. Download a flyer for more information or complete the online booking form to get involved.
- The **Sturt Falcons Softball Club** is offering Come and Try Teeball for boys and girls aged 6-9. For young people older than 9, they also have U13, U16 and U19 teams. Pre-season sessions run across five dates from 30 August to 27 September at Waite Oval. Games commence in October and are played at West Beach. Download a flyer for more information and register online if you'd like to attend.
- **Code Camp** is Australia's original coding camp, and they are running Spring Holiday Camps nearby, with 25+ fun and creative STEAM programs for childre in Reception to Year 6. Download a flyer for more information. Note: families can save $25 with a discount code on the flyer.

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