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From the Learning Resources Manager

Happy Book Week, everyone! 2026 is the 80th anniversary of Book Week! This presents us with a wonderful opportunity to focus on the real reason behind Book Week: To promote Australian Children's Literature and encourage reading for pleasure! "Reading for pleasure has proven benefits across health, education and employment and is vital to a healthier, happier and more connected society." (ALIA, ACSL, Australia Reads, 2026).

This week The Australian Library and Information Association, Australian Coalition for School Libraries and Australia Reads released their joint statement "Reading for Pleasure".

The document draws on extensive research and highlights that students who read for pleasure:

- are more likely to be proficient readers
- have better receptive language and expressive language abilities
- are more likely to achieve strong academic results
- better understand the world around them and the experiences of others
- have better mental health outcomes
- have increased positive long-term economic and employment outcomes
- are more likely to develop a lifelong habit of reading.

(ALIA, ACSL, Australia Reads, 2026)

Some tips and tricks to help encourage your child to read:

- Let them see you reading! We know children are more likely to do what we do, rather than what we say. If they see you reading, they are more likely to read. This is my favourite tip! Telling your child, “Sorry, not right now, I’m reading” is actually great parenting.
- Make time to read as a family! Have a reading party/afternoon/10 minutes—every minute counts. Share hot chocolates, treats, or simply carve out a few minutes before bedtime to read together. You could read aloud to your child or just be together and read your own books.
- Support them to choose books that they will enjoy! There is a book out there for everyone, it’s just a matter of finding the right book for the right person. Tell them about the books you loved at their age, or what you are currently reading.
- Listen to audiobooks together whilst driving. You can download audiobooks for free from your public library straight to your phone and play it through your car’s speakers.

We all know that reading is excellent for our physical and mental health, but making time to read is challenging for all of us. Try to establish routines, find a few minutes, and role model being a reader. Even 10 minutes a day can make a big difference.

For more information about the benefits of reading, the blockers and how to overcome them check out the [Australia Reads](#) website.

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Reminder: Concordia in Concert - Tickets on Sale Now

A reminder that 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 (in 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!

[Book Online](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

Special thanks to our Diamond Sponsors:

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Instrumental Music Lessons with Novar Music at St Peters Campus

Novar Music is offering instrumental music lessons to St Peters Campus students in the following areas:

- Guitar
- Piano
- Singing
- Music Theory
- Musicianship Club

Visit the [Novar Music](#) website for more information.

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Now Available on SchoolTV: ADHD

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a commonly diagnosed neurodevelopmental condition that affects how children regulate attention, impulses and activity levels. While many children can appear restless, distracted or forgetful at times, ADHD involves ongoing patterns that may impact learning, behaviour, organisation and relationships. These challenges can sometimes lead to frustration at home and school, particularly when a child is trying hard but struggling to meet expectations.

For families, understanding ADHD means recognising that these behaviours are not simply a matter of effort or discipline. ADHD is influenced by a combination of neurological, biological and environmental factors that affect how a child's brain processes information and manages self-control. With the right support, structure and strategies, children with ADHD can develop the skills they need to succeed and thrive.

This edition of SchoolTV explores how families can better understand ADHD and support children to build confidence, strengthen emotional regulation and navigate everyday challenges more successfully.

[Read the Latest Edition](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

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Planning a move? Please let us know!

Considering a move to another school is a significant decision. We value your family being part of our community. As a College, we will always seek to work with you for positive connection. If you are uncertain about continuing at Concordia next year, in the first instance, we invite you to reach out and arrange a time to discuss your situation with the Principal of your child's campus – Paul Bannister (St John's Campus, Highgate), Alison Ronoastro (St Peters Campus, Blackwood) and Penny McKenzie (Concordia Campus, Highgate) - or our Director of Enrolments, Chelsea Skene. We hope that through this conversation, we gain a clearer appreciation of your family's specific needs and considerations.

If you do make a decision to leave Concordia, please be aware that in line with the Enrolment Policy – if your child is leaving the College at the end of 2026, we require one full term's notice to avoid penalties. We understand that this may not always be possible, but sincerely appreciate your assistance with future planning. Withdrawal notification for 2026 should be received no later than close of business Friday 25 September 2026 and should be sent to the Principal of the relevant campus and our Enrolments office:

- [Paul Bannister, Principal ELC to Year 6 \(St John's Campus, Highgate\)](#)
- [Alison Ronoastro, Principal ELC to Year 6 \(St Peters Campus, Blackwood\)](#)

- Penny McKenzie, Principal Year 7 to Year 12 (Concordia Campus, Highgate)

Please also email all information to enrolments@concordia.sa.edu.au

If notification is not received by close of business **Friday 25 September 2026**, a full term's tuition will be payable.

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