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From the Director of Marketing and Community Relations

One of our greatest joys is celebrating the people, experiences and achievements that make Concordia so special. Through our communications, publications and social media channels, we love sharing the stories of our College life.

Over recent months, schools across Australia have been reviewing how student photos and videos are captured and shared online. This work is being guided by recommendations from the eSafety Commissioner, with a shared goal of ensuring children are protected in an increasingly complex digital environment.

As a result, some things may begin to look a little different at Concordia, particularly in how we use student images across our various public communication channels and platforms. These changes are not about reducing opportunities to celebrate our students. Rather, they are about making sure we do so thoughtfully, safely and in ways that respect the preferences of families.

We are currently reviewing how student content is captured, stored and published, and exploring ways to give families greater agency over how and where their children may appear, without compromising their ability to participate in and be featured in the stories of College life.

This work is ongoing, and we will continue to engage with professional development, expert guidance and collaborate with other schools as best practice evolves. We look forward to sharing more details with families before the end of the term and further explaining what is changing at the College, and what it means for you and your children.

Our commitment remains unchanged: to celebrate our students while ensuring their wellbeing, safety and privacy are protected.

Maria Mesa

Director of Marketing and Community Relations

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Join us for FestivALL

Plans are coming together for our biggest community event of the year—FestivALL, a vibrant event celebrating the creativity, curiosity and learning of our students—and the wonderful community that surrounds them. Families from all three campuses are warmly invited to join us for this special evening.

- **Date: Friday 27 November**
- **Time: 3.30–7.30pm**
- **Location: Fortiter Gymnasium, Wirrkuta Trruku and the College Oval, Highgate**

Look forward to...

- Learning Exhibitions

- Music performances and festive favourites
- Food trucks
- Bar and refreshments
- P&F Market Stalls and activities, including student *Makers' Market* and *Pick 'n' Win* stalls

[Find out more about what's on offer at FestivALL](#) and please refer to our recent [email to parents and caregivers](#) with all you need to know, including how you can get involved in the Makers' Market, donating items for the Pick 'n' Win stall or volunteering to assist on the night.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

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Year 10 Drama presents 'Selfie'

On Thursday 19 November at 6:30pm, the Year 10 Drama class will perform their Group Production, *Selfie* by Bradley Hayward, in the Drama Centre.

A fast-moving exploration of adolescent experience in the technological age, *Selfie* follows a group of young people as they navigate the final year of their schooling. The class has driven all components of the show, from performance to lighting, sound, costume and multimedia.

After winning Best Schools Film at the 48 Hour Film Project, please support the students by attending their performance!

Daniel Lynch

Key Teacher – Drama

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

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Living Young eNewsletter

The October edition of the Living Young eNewsletter is out now with a range of opportunities to get involved in activities and initiative within the local community, including:

- The chance to nominate to join the Living Young Reference Group
- City of Unley Traineeship applications
- Ad advertisement for Study Hive, supporting students preparing for exams through to Friday 20 November
- Australia's Biggest Secondhand Treasure Hunt / Garage Sale Trail
- Upcoming AFLW game this Sunday at Unley Oval

... and more!

[View the latest edition](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

SchoolTV Topic: Cyber Safety

Young people today are growing up in an increasingly connected world where technology is part of their everyday lives—for learning, socialising and entertainment. While the digital world offers enormous benefits, it also comes with serious risks. From cyberbullying and online predators to inappropriate content and screen time concerns, navigating the online environment can be challenging for young people and their families.

Cybersafety is not just about blocking access—it's about empowering young people with the knowledge and skills they need to use technology responsibly and safely. This includes understanding privacy settings, recognising scams and developing healthy digital habits. At the same time, it's important for parents and caregivers to stay informed, have open and judgement-free conversations with their children, and lead by example through positive online behaviour.

In today's digital age, safeguarding a child's wellbeing must also include protecting their online life. This edition of SchoolTV will help you better understand the digital landscape your child is navigating and offer practical strategies to help them stay safe, confident and in control online.

[View this Edition](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

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SchoolTV Early Years Wellbeing Series

The first five years don't just prepare children for school.

They help shape who they become.

SchoolTV is delighted to introduce: The Early Years Wellbeing Series, a new series of topics exploring the developmental journey of children aged three to five, helping build a shared understanding across home and school.

Developed in collaboration with leading psychologist Dr Emma Woodward, the series explores many of the questions asked during these formative years. Each topic combines expert insights with practical strategies to help navigate the everyday opportunities and challenges of the early years.

By strengthening understanding and building capability early, the series supports one of our greatest opportunities for prevention and early intervention.

For schools, this is about much more than providing information. It's an opportunity to strengthen partnerships with families before children begin their formal education and continue building those relationships as they move into the primary years.

When parents and educators share a common understanding of children's development, they are better placed to support each child's wellbeing, learning and long-term success.

We invite you to watch this short introduction from Dr Emma Woodward, as she explains why the first five years are such an important opportunity to shape a child's future and why SchoolTV has created the Early Years Wellbeing Series.

[Watch the Launch Video](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

Designed to support parents and carers of children aged 3–5 years, the series includes a collection of Editions and Special Reports offering expert insights, practical guidance and trusted resources to help families support their child's early development and wellbeing.

[View the Early Years Wellbeing Series](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

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Study Hive

To support students studying for exams or final assignments, the City of Unley is offering study space and free refreshments at Unley Library, Goodwood Library, and Fullarton Park Community Centre between Monday 12 October and Friday 20 November. [See the attached poster](#) for further details or visit www.unley.sa.gov.au/study-hive

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SchoolTV Webinar Part III Replay Now Available

The replay of Part III of the SchoolTV webinar series, Understanding Anxiety & Depression to Foster Resilience, is now available for families and staff to watch at any time.

In this session, Dr Emma Woodward and Dr Joe Stammeijer shared practical insights and strategies across three key areas:

- Building Resilience Foundations
- Everyday Habits for Wellbeing
- Strength-Based Resilience for Neurodivergent Children

The replay can be accessed using the link below or via the Webinar Series tile on our SchoolTV homepage.

Please note that the Webinar Series tile now includes recordings from all our previous webinars. These will remain permanently available, giving our school community ongoing access to the full webinar series at any time.

Missed the recent SchoolTV webinar?

Part III of Understanding Anxiety & Depression to Foster Resilience is now available to watch on replay.

This session explores how parents and carers can help build resilience through strong foundations and everyday wellbeing habits, with practical guidance for supporting neurodivergent children from a strengths-based perspective.

[Watch the Webinar](#) (opens an external website in a new window)

You can also download the [KEYpoints Flyer](#) for practical takeaways to help support conversations at home.

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Employment Opportunity: Part-time Bus Driver

Concordia is seeking an experienced bus driver to assist with part-time College bus driving duties, including morning and afternoon shifts and the potential for work during school holidays, supporting our Vacation Care program of planned excursions. Applicants will require an LR or MR licence.

If you or someone you know is interested in driving our bus, please contact our People and Culture team via email: employment@concordia.sa.edu.au

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Celebrate Light this Halloween at St John's Lutheran Church

Come and celebrate **Light** this Halloween!

- **Saturday 31 October** at **St John's Lutheran Church, Unley**
- Anytime from **4pm** to **7pm**
- A **free** event for the whole family and the whole community!

You are warmly invited to pop in anytime between 4–7pm and enjoy a sausage sizzle, coffee, face painting, hot popcorn, chocolate, a photo booth, games, activities and more!

We would love to see you!

Refer to the [Facebook event](#) for all the 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

