



CONCORDIA
COLLEGE

Concordia College

ELC - Year 12



extraordinary



Highgate • Blackwood



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Welcome to our College

As you explore our prospectus, you will gain an insight into how our vision is realised through our College programs.

As well as our commitment to academic engagement and achievement, we offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities that encourage students to discover and develop their talents and interests within a safe and supportive environment.

Christian faith and spirituality underpin the practices of Concordia College. Service to others is an important aspect of school life. In fulfilling our mission we provide opportunities for students to learn and grow through service and to reflect on their own spiritual development.

We have high expectations and aspirations for our students, who consistently achieve outstanding academic outcomes. Our hope is for all Concordia graduates to leave with a quiet but confident sense of who they are, equipped to achieve and serve throughout their lives.

From 2023 we offer three campuses at Concordia College:

- + St Peters Campus Blackwood ELC to Year 6
- + St John's Campus Highgate ELC to Year 6
- + Concordia Campus Highgate Year 7 to Year 12

We welcome you to Concordia College and if you have not done so, invite you to visit our campuses on one of our College Tours to experience it for yourself.

Paul Weinert

Head of College

Our Vision

Inspiring and equipping hearts, hands and minds for a world of possibilities.

Our Mission

We aim to provide a vibrant education, rich in opportunities, delivered within a caring, supportive environment, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ.

We seek to inspire young people to actively engage in lifelong learning, achieve their best and become global citizens who serve with an open heart.

What we Value

- + Our compassionate and connected community.
- + Serving others in response to the love of God.
- + Nurturing high quality teaching and learning.
- + Excellence in a spirit of humility and grace.
- + Creativity and innovation.
- + Caring for the environment as stewards of God's creation.
- + A global perspective shaped by hope and courage.
- + Resilience in embracing challenges.
- + Our unique heritage.

Our Motto

Fortiter in Re, Suaviter in Modo

Firm in Principle, Gentle in Manner.

Our students are encouraged to follow their passion for learning while experiencing the warmth of a compassionate and caring community.

Head of College





Concordia celebrates the individual strengths of all students, be they academic, sporting, art, music, technology or humanitarian. This creates an environment where every young person can strive confidently in his or her areas of interest and strength.

Parent

Unlocking Futures

Inspiring students to achieve their personal best

The world for our learners is rapidly changing. The way in which human beings work, learn, socialise, interact with the environment and connect with others and technology, in both their local and global communities, is constantly transforming. Young people who are creative, problem-solvers, collaborative, resilient, and ethically and critically aware will be best placed to explore the possibilities that exist in their worlds.

The purpose of our Unlocking Futures learning framework is to embed key learning principles into our learning and teaching, programs and practices that empower students to develop the knowledge, capabilities and dispositions to flourish in their worlds, both now and in the future.

This Framework puts best practice methodology at the centre of every class, by every teacher, in all learning environments across ELC-12.

Unlocking Futures benefits every student through three key intentions:

Connecting Learners

to learning experiences that are collaborative, consistent and connected to local and global communities. These experiences are grounded in authenticity and relevance.

Empowering Learners

to be partners in shaping their learning through voice, choice and action.

Challenging Learners

to take risks and overcome obstacles. This is facilitated through developing and engaging students' strengths, interests and wellbeing strategies.



Spiritual Life and Wellbeing

Providing our community with opportunities to reflect and grow

As a Lutheran College we regularly meet for Chapel as a school community. Our Chapel Program is designed to provide opportunities for us to grow in faith and reflect on important issues of life.

Students and staff have opportunities to lead Chapel, which is an integral component of our identity as a community with Christian values.

In the classroom, students develop religious literacy from a Christian perspective with a particular focus on individuals and societies. In Years 7 to 10 Christian Studies is taught under the International Baccalaureate Middle Years

Program, and in Year 11, students continue their Christian Studies in electives offered as part of the SACE Stage 1 Spiritualities, Religion and Meaning subject. In Year 12, Christian Studies offers students the opportunity to consider aspects of life after school and what the role of spirituality, faith and values may play.

Concordia also has pastoral support specialists on staff, including our Student Counsellors, our ministry team and a Community Carer, who provide a valuable 'listening ear', as well as a source of support, encouragement and guidance.

Wellbeing Education

Our wellbeing framework is a comprehensive model reaching students (ELC – Year 12), staff, families and old scholars. This framework is based on local and global evidence that:

- + targets underlying risk and protective factors for mental health
- + teaches key methodologies and skills to support individual wellbeing
- + encourages values-based, responsible decision making as members of and contributors to the broader community.



The Journey so Far

Facilities and programs that enhance learning

Founded in 1890, Concordia College has a rich history and tradition as an academic and caring school, encouraging and supporting young people to be successful, independent learners.

Concordia College offers a continuous education from Early Learning Centre (from 3 years of age) to Year 12.

Concordia College has 2 campuses ELC to Year 6:

- + St Peters campus at Blackwood
- + St John's campus at Highgate

Our Concordia Campus is home to the Middle and Senior Schools (Year 7 to Year 12), also based in Highgate.

Our campuses are small enough for students to feel secure and confident, while benefiting from the many advantages offered by a larger school.

The unparalleled emotion of beginning as a newcomer to Concordia has undoubtedly been felt by every student in every decade. There has always been a blend of wonder, awe, excitement, and joy, all occasioned by the feeling that something special happens here.

Extract from the book 'Concordia 100 Years'
by Elmore Leske



Our Highgate campuses are conveniently situated just 5km from the Adelaide CBD. The Blackwood campus is uniquely located in the foothills of Adelaide. All campuses are uniquely positioned for access to the city and the hills. Located close to major transport routes, Concordia attracts students from across Adelaide, with around one third of senior students travelling in by school bus.

The College's heritage buildings are complemented by contemporary, purpose-built learning spaces.

Our St John's campus (ELC to Year 6) at Highgate is nearing the completion of a major redevelopment with additional classes and enhanced leading edge learning spaces. Our St Peters campus at Blackwood is on picturesque grounds. This beautiful campus has programs and facilities that enable exceptional choice and a love of learning.

Our new ELC to Year 12 Gymnasium is almost complete bringing new spaces for both students and our community to enjoy.



Media Studio

Concordia offers students the opportunity to study and explore media as a subject offering. With a fully functioning Media Centre featuring a high definition television studio (lighting, three-camera setup, teleprompter and green screen facilities), a spacious and well-equipped control room with separate voiceover booth and Pro Tools audio suite, multiple Mac edit suites, a production office and screening facilities.



STEAM

Concordia College provides students with magnificent learning facilities and experiences for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM).

We are committed to providing young learners with authentic, engaging and challenging learning experiences that will prepare them for life beyond school.

Global dynamics are shifting, technology is enabling new learning opportunities and, in professional spheres, employers are seeking students who can adapt their understanding and skills to solve real-world challenges and create solutions.

Facilities at Concordia College provide each student a plethora of STEAM opportunities including:

- + Design, Technology and Engineering (including CAD, 3D printing and lasercutting)
- + Food Design (including nutrition, food creation from artisan to catering)
- + Nautilus (demonstrating principles across mathematical, scientific and artistic design)

Concordia offers many STEAM enrichment opportunities for students to extend their learning. These include participating in various external challenges, state and national Mathematics competitions, collaborations with local universities, industry expert and more.



Early Learning Centre

Highgate and Blackwood

From 3 years of age

Let's explore!

Your child's educational journey begins in the ELC. Our caring, experienced and highly qualified staff nurture your child's progress through countless moments of learning.

If you're a parent who believes that child-initiated, educator-supported, play-based learning is the best educational foundation for your child, then either of our Highgate or Blackwood Early Learning Centres is the right place for you.

We follow the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB PYP) and the Australian Government's Early Years Learning Framework.

The IB knows that young learners are intelligent, resourceful and creative individuals who grow, develop and learn at different rates. We take inspiration from the Reggio Emilia philosophy of education. Specialist teachers of

- + Art
- + Language
- + Music
- + Physical Education
- + Science
- + Performing Arts

which assist the children to engage in diverse learning experiences.

We've developed a considered balance between a holistic structured program and open ended play experiences to encourage your child's curiosity and help them be a confident and connected learner.



Primary School

Highgate and Blackwood

Developing confidence, curiosity and resilience

Concordia College offers 2 campuses ELC to Year 6

- + St Peters Blackwood is based in the beautiful foothills south of Adelaide.
- + St John's Highgate in the leafy eastern suburbs is just 5 minutes from the CBD.

Reception to Year 6 provides a supportive and nurturing environment in which students' strengths are developed.

The Primary School curriculum, based on the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP), focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and the world outside. The PYP is a framework guided by six transdisciplinary themes of global significance, explored using knowledge and skills with an emphasis on inquiry.

In PYP schools, learning is engaging, relevant, challenging and significant.

Our strong Pastoral Care program ensures that children are nurtured at every stage of their development. Our teachers value knowing each student as a unique individual created and loved by God.

A variety of co-curricular opportunities are offered to broaden and enhance opportunities for student engagement and learning.

As students progress through the primary years, we aim to offer a range of meaningful leadership opportunities. Students at all year levels have the opportunity to represent their classes on the Student Representative Council.

As a service to families of our school and community, Concordia provides an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) program for students in Reception to Year 6. Concordia exceeds the National Quality Standards of the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) in all quality areas.



Middle School

Developing enquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people

We understand that the transition from Primary School into a secondary environment is an exciting, but sometimes daunting, step. Through our structured transition program, we aim build a supportive bridge between the experience of Primary School and the structures/routines needed for success in Secondary School.

The Middle School at Concordia, encompassing Years 7 to 10, is a vibrant and supportive learning environment that provides opportunities for discovery, creativity and innovation. Excellence in the classroom is encouraged and students are challenged to engage in inquiry-based learning.

Students explore a holistic view of learning as part of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP). Key learning areas support students to explore specific knowledge and skills, while developing higher order thinking skills, and

the ability to identify connections between what is being studied and how it can be applied within the immediate and wider world context.

Beyond the classroom, students are encouraged to participate fully in College life, through involvement in sports, music, clubs and service to the wider community.

There are many opportunities for Middle School students to grow as leaders including Student Ambassadors, Year Level House Leaders or Student Forum Representatives.

It was very easy to make new friends even though I did not know a single person when I came to Concordia. I have especially enjoyed being involved in sport and clubs.

Year 7 Student



Senior School

Preparing for an extraordinary future

The Senior School at Concordia, encompassing Years 11 to 12, is a challenging yet supportive environment, providing opportunities for students to build on their individual strengths and interests as they prepare for their future learning and career pathways.

Students in the senior years continue to develop key literacy, numeracy and lifelong learning skills, while gaining knowledge and skills in specialised areas of interest. Our academic programs encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning goals and outcomes, while supporting them to grow as confident, independent and collaborative learners.

The Senior School academic program builds on the International Baccalaureate Programme offered in the Middle School years. Students choose from a wide range of subjects as part of a broad and well balanced curriculum, which enables them to gain the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) on completion of Year 12.

Our students have access to a range of resources when choosing their future learning and career pathways. All Year 10 students complete the Personal Learning Plan (PLP), a SACE subject designed to help students to make informed choices about courses and subjects in Years 11 and 12.



Concordia's environment and support networks have been integral in shaping me into the person I am today.

Year 12 Student



Exploring the World around Us

Experiences that promote commitment, leadership and collaboration skills

We offer an all-round education that emphasises the value of participation in a wide variety of activities both within and beyond the classroom.

Educational excursions, camps and trips help to promote our aim of fostering global-mindedness, as well as providing enjoyment and adventure that enhances student engagement and achievement in learning.

Opportunities in areas such as music, art, sport, ministry, leadership training and service help students discover and develop their unique talents and interests and lead seamlessly to national and international opportunities.

From the moment we entered the school, we were greeted with an abundance of opportunities. We were encouraged to get involved and to find not only what we were good at, but what we were passionate about.

Year 12 Student





Celebrating the Gift of Music

Fostering creativity, self-discovery and expression

Concordia has a long tradition of musical excellence and offers a wide choice of bands, choirs, ensembles and orchestras.

Tuition is offered in orchestral instruments as well as piano, guitar, saxophone, and voice across the College.

There is a strong emphasis on performance both within and outside of the curriculum. Each year students at all year levels contribute to the diverse program of concerts and recitals.

A particular highlight is the annual Concordia musical, a tradition which can be traced back to 1961, which provides theatrical and musical performance opportunities to a large number of students.

Concordia has excellent music teachers, who guide and motivate students to high levels of appreciation and performance. Visiting professionals regularly contribute to the program to enrich students' experiences and enjoyment.

Music has provided me with so many great opportunities, not only to develop my musical understanding, but to meet new people and make new friends. I really appreciate the opportunity to have participated in a variety of musical activities at Concordia from big bands to musicals.

Year 12 Music Student

Sport

Sport is an integral part of the extra-curricular program at Concordia.

Concordia has become highly successful in a range of sports, entering teams in state-wide competitions in various sports including basketball, netball and volleyball.

Sporting excellence is underpinned by an emphasis on participation. Students of all abilities are encouraged to participate in the many sports offered at Concordia. We take care to provide programs designed for both first time players and those more experienced. Specialist coaching is provided in key areas for elite teams.

House fixtures and events such as Sports Day and Swimming Carnival provide opportunities for students to engage in friendly rivalry both in competitive and fun events to earn points for their houses.

Our new ELC to Year 12 gymnasium opens in 2023 comprising:

- + two basketball courts
- + weights room
- + classrooms
- + meeting room
- + M2M (Movement to Music)
- + satellite kitchen

The growth in both girls and boys sport and in enrolment at Concordia with a third campus at Blackwood will demand a plethora of use.

The sports program has been a highlight of my time at Concordia. I have really enjoyed the variety of different sports on offer, the camaraderie and competition, and the many friendships I have developed through sport.

Recipient of the Noske-Temme Award for Girls Sport



Beyond Concordia

Better together

Parents have a variety of opportunities to be involved in the life of the College through parent groups, as well as association with sport and other school activities. These groups offer an opportunity for parents to get to know each other, as well as to share information and ideas with the key leadership and staff members.

There are opportunities for parents to get involved in many social functions.

Becoming part of the Concordia school community has been a highlight for our family since our son commenced at the College. Joining the P&F has enabled us to meet and connect with other parents and enjoy the many activities that the College offers.

Parent

Lifelong connections

Beyond Concordia, the Old Concordians Association (OCA) provides a valuable link to the College for past students and fosters a sense of community. OCA offers all old collegians to connect and have continuing involvement with the life of the College through academic, cultural, social and sporting activities and events.

Current students benefit from their association with Concordia's extensive alumni network with graduate transition programs, networking opportunities, mentoring relationships and advice, providing students with the best possible start to their careers.





Your Family's Journey Starts Here

Thank you for considering Concordia College for your child's education

Places at Concordia are highly sought after, so prospective families are advised to lodge an application for enrolment as early as possible.

Applications are invited at all year levels throughout the year.

We also encourage you to visit the College. Our College Tours provide a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action and to chat with key staff and students.

For further information, please contact our enrolment team at Concordia College:

Concordia Campus : ELC - Year 12
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All information contained within this brochure is current for the 2023 educational year and may change without notice.

The enrolment process:

Step 1 > Enquiry

Find out more about Concordia College by visiting our website, attending a College Tour or contacting our enrolments team.

Step 2 > Application

Send applications to our enrolments team as early as possible. Our Enrolment Application Form can be found on the College website. Families can nominate multiple entry points on each application.

Step 3 > Acceptance

Offers for enrolment for our primary entry points are made from 1 March two years prior to entry. Places in other year levels will be offered closer to commencement when places become available.

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