CONCORDIA COLLEGE

Welcome to Concordia College

International Student Prospectus

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Concordia is an inclusive school that proudly values the richness international students bring to the College community.

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Welcome

"At Concordia we aim to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who are motivated to succeed. We offer a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom allowing students to discover and develop their unique talents and interests."

Paul Weinert
Principal, Head of College

Concordia College is a co-educational school educating around 1300 students from Early Learning Centre to Year 12.

Founded in 1890, Concordia is located in Highgate, just 5km (10 minutes) from Adelaide's city centre and 20 minutes from Adelaide International Airport.

Concordia has a strong reputation as an inclusive school that cares for its students ensuring students from overseas are immersed into the College community and valued for the cultural richness they bring.

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) school Concordia offers the IB Primary Years Program (PYP) and Middle School Program (MYP). We believe in the value of an international education and the importance of developing and preparing students to become global in their thinking and learning. We have high expectations of our students and offer a challenging and engaging program of learning.

Concordia's academic program builds on the International Baccalaureate Program offered in the Primary and Middle Schools. Students choose from a broad range of subjects as part of a well-balanced curriculum, which enables them to gain the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) on completion of Year 12.

Learning across all year levels is delivered at the Concordia by College teaching staff.

Each year many of our students achieve excellent academic scores, preparing them for entry into top universities both in Australia, including Group of Eight and overseas.

Living in Adelaide

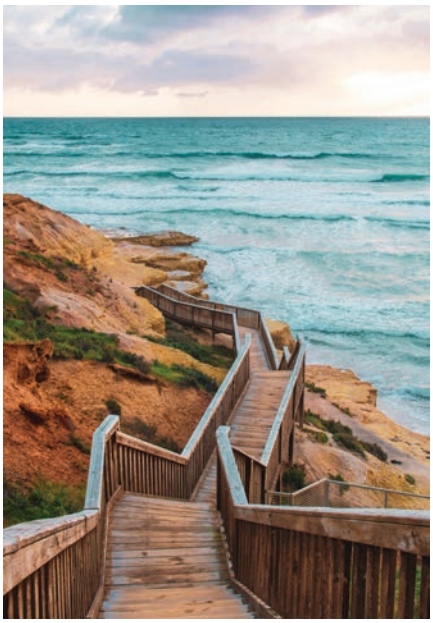
World's 3rd Most Liveable City

With many other major cities in Australia becoming over-crowded, Adelaide offers a modest population of only 1.3 million people and is recognized as Australia's educational destination by many families from overseas.

Families from overseas consider Adelaide to be a safe and friendly environment for their children to start their study in another country.

It is renowned as being one of Australia' s cleanest cities surrounded by green parklands and offers:

- a vibrant international and cosmopolitan community
- three (3) world class universities:
  The University of Adelaide
  (Group of Eight member)
  University of South Australia,
  Flinders University
- a low cost of living compared to most other states in Australia
- a lifestyle that allows students to grow and find personal harmony with their study and relaxation
- beautiful safe beaches and leafy Adelaide Hills, both within 20 minutes of the city
- extensive walking and cycling trails to appreciate the clean fresh air
- excellent public transport
- wide open spaces where you will see some of Australia's unique wildlife including koalas and kangaroos



For many years Adelaide has welcomed people from around the world to visit, study and live. They have created a unique multicultural community in Adelaide that they now call home where they share their many cultures from their native countries.

The renowned Central Market adjacent to China Town is popular for people in Adelaide to frequent and taste international cuisine. For international students it is a place to meet friends and eat their favourite foods that reminds them of home.

StudyAdelaide is a locally funded South Australian organisation that supports families from overseas to live, study and work in Adelaide, providing invaluable information about South Australia.

Families from overseas who are considering to live and study in Adelaide are encourage to visit the StudyAdelaide website where information is readily available in printed and digital formats.

The following link is the most valuable as it provides information on living costs, transport, health and safety, food and culture:

www.studyadelaide.com/why-study-in-adelaide

Studying in Australia

School education is similar across all of Australia with only minor variations between the states and territories.

School education is divided into:

Primary School – Early Learning through to Year 6

Middle School – Years 7 - 10

Senior School – Years 11 - 12

Each year level is delivered over a 40 week period

The school year commences in late January through to December and is divided into 4 terms

Concordia College

Nautilus Centre — STEAM

The Concordia College Nautilus Centre provides students with a magnificent new learning facility for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM).

Concordia is committed to providing young learners with significant, 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. The Nautilus Centre is designed with a changing educational environment in mind. Laboratories, tutorial rooms and design suites are connected by shared learning areas that cater for contemporary learning and collaboration between disciplines, while being adaptable to future requirements.

Wonder, enquiry, discovery and innovation are reflected not just in new learning opportunities, but in the fabric of the building itself. The facility demonstrates mathematical, scientific and artistic principles such as the Fibonacci Series, the earth's rotation displayed by a Foucault pendulum in the main stairwell, and various sculptural exhibits built into the indoor and outdoor learning environment.

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

CRICOS Course Code 094906B

Curriculum Overview

Primary School

The Concordia Primary School curriculum framework is the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP).

The IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) for children aged 3-12 nurtures and develops young students as caring, active participants in a lifelong journey of learning.

Through its inquiry-led, transdisciplinary framework, the PYP challenges students to think for themselves and take responsibility for their learning as they explore local and global issues and opportunities in real-life contexts.

The PYP curriculum

Taught in over 109 countries around the world, the PYP curriculum framework is uniquely adaptable to state and national standards. Guided by six transdisciplinary themes of global significance, students deepen their learning by developing their conceptual understandings; strengthening their knowledge and skills across and beyond subject areas.

Resources for PYP schools

Our community of IB World Schools is supported by a dedicated programme resource centre. This allows online communities to share best practice and unique professional development opportunities for IB educators to enhance their personal growth and capabilities.

CRICOS Course Code 004774K

Curriculum Overview

Middle School

The Concordia Middle School curriculum framework is the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IBMYP).

Key learning areas challenge students to explore specific knowledge and skills while developing higher order thinking skills, as well as developing the ability to identify connections between what is being studied and how it can be applied within the immediate and wider world context.

Learning Areas	Subjects
Arts and Design	Arts: + Visual Arts + Visual Art – Design (Year 10 only) + Drama + Media (Year 10 only) + Music + Special Interest Music Design: + Design, Technology and Engineering + Food Design + Digital Technologies + STEM (Year 10 only)
Individuals and Societies	Geography and History
Language and Literature	English
Language Acquisition	German or Chinese
Mathematics	Mathematics
Physical and Health Education	Physical Education
Sciences	Science
Christian Studies	Christian Studies

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

CRICOS Course Code 004775J

Curriculum Overview

Senior School - SACE

The SACE is a modern, internationally-recognised secondary school qualification designed to equip students with the skills, knowledge, and personal capabilities to successfully participate in a fast-paced global society.

Students are awarded the SACE if they successfully complete requirements that include a range of skills and subjects that have been studied at school or may have been acquired through other education, training or experience.

The SACE is a two-stage certificate. To achieve the SACE students must complete the following compulsory requirements with a C grade or higher at Stage 1, and a C- grade or higher at Stage 2:

- Stage 1 *Personal Learning Plan*
  – completed in Year 10 or Year 11 (10 credits)
- Numeracy requirement
  – a mathematics subject or course in Stage 1 or Stage 2 (10 credits)
- Literacy requirement
  – an English subject or course in Stage 1 or Stage 2 (20 credits)
- Stage 2 *Research Project*
  – completed in Year 11 or Year 12 (10 credits).

Of the remaining 150 credits students need to make up their 200 credits, at least 60 credits must be at Stage 2 level.

LEARNING AREA
ARTS
Creative Arts
Drama
Music – Advanced
Music – Experience
Music Performance – Ensemble
Music Performance – Solo
Music Explorations
Music Studies
Visual Arts – Art
Visual Arts – Design
BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE & TECHNOLOGY
Business Innovation
Design, Technology & Engineering
Digital Technologies
Media Studies
Photography
CROSS-DISCIPLINARY
Community Studies
Workplace Practices
ENGLISH
English
English Literacy Studies
English As An Additional Language
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Food and Hospitality
Physical Education

LEARNING AREA
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Ancient Studies
Economics
Geography
Legal Studies
Modern History
Religion Studies
Society and Culture
LANGUAGES
German
Chinese
MATHEMATICS
Essential Mathematics
General Mathematics
Mathematical Methods
Specialist Mathematics
SCIENCES
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Psychology
Scientific Studies – Humanitarian STEM

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.

Learning Management System

Concordia College uses a learning Management System called SEQTA. It is a leading online platform. SEQTA enables efficient curriculum planning, assessment and reporting, eliminating paperwork and enhancing Concordia's communication with students and parents.

Whilst all courses are scheduled for classroom delivery, SEQTA allows students, regardless of their location, to access online study and contact with teachers if and when required. Students will only access online learning for homework purposes or where the student is unable to attend regular classroom study due to illness (to be supported by a medical certificate), extended holidays or travel restrictions.

Equipment & Learning Resources

A key element of the school vision, in line with the philosophy of 21st Century learning, is that students should be empowered to learn anywhere and at any time. For this reason, all students from ELC to Year 12 receive a fully-serviced laptop.

The laptops are mobile and durable, and extend student learning and creativity capability in line with their respective curriculums and pedagogical requirements.

Each laptop has software programs installed that add value to the students learning opportunities and experiences.

Students are provided with a link to Concordia's stationery supplier.

Languages

Concordia College offers students three language choices.

The study of Language Acquisition aims to encourage students to gain a respect for an understanding of other languages and cultures, and to provide a skills base to facilitate further language learning.

- German
- Chinese (Years 7 - 9)

Sport

Extra-curricular sport is an integral component of Concordia's education process.

As with all extra-curricular activities, sport provides students with an opportunity to develop networks and for students an ideal opportunity to make friendships.

Clubs & Activities

Students have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of clubs & extra-curricular activities including:

- Music
- Sport
- Chess
- Debating
- Drones
- Art
- Electronics
- Quills (Needlework)
- Homework
- Robotics

Music

Concordia College has a long tradition of musical excellence offering approximately 30 different music groups, where students can perform within and outside of the curriculum.

Students can choose:

- Choirs
- Concert Band
- String and Percussion Ensembles
- Concert Vocal Ensemble
- String Ensembles
- Orchestra
- Big Bands
- Funk Bands
- Variety of smaller ensembles

Instrumental and voice lessons are available to students, with Concordia fortunate to have approximately 40 highly qualified specialist music teachers.

Student Support

Concordia College offers a well established student support program that is free and easy to access.

Wellbeing

The Concordia College wellbeing program provides students with the foundation for their personal and academic success. This is central to the Colleges mission:

'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'.

Life offers many challenges to students and for some these challenges can sometimes feel overwhelming. Some students have sufficient coping strategies and support networks to be able to cope where others may not.

At Concordia we believe a student's wellbeing is core to their academic success so we make available a team of professional counsellors who work with students to support them grow through their time at the College, developing self-confidence and strategies that promote better decision making and wellbeing.

Peer Support & Peer Mentoring Programs

Concordia is proud of its Peer Support Program that sees its local school students mentor new students in their journey at the College. For students from overseas arriving at the College it provides a buddy and friendship.

English as an Additional Language

English as an Additional Language (EAL) support is critical to students from overseas where English is not their first language. Concordia offers EAL classes support at no additional charge.

Equally, students can engage additional support through the Concordia tutoring and homework programs.

Our Head of International Student Programs is responsible for the wellbeing and integration of students from overseas including additional support from the Bilingual Support Officer and College pastoral care leaders.

Bilingual Support

A dedicated Bilingual Support Officer assists students and their families immerse into the College Community. They provide translation support to teachers and parents.

Behaviour Management

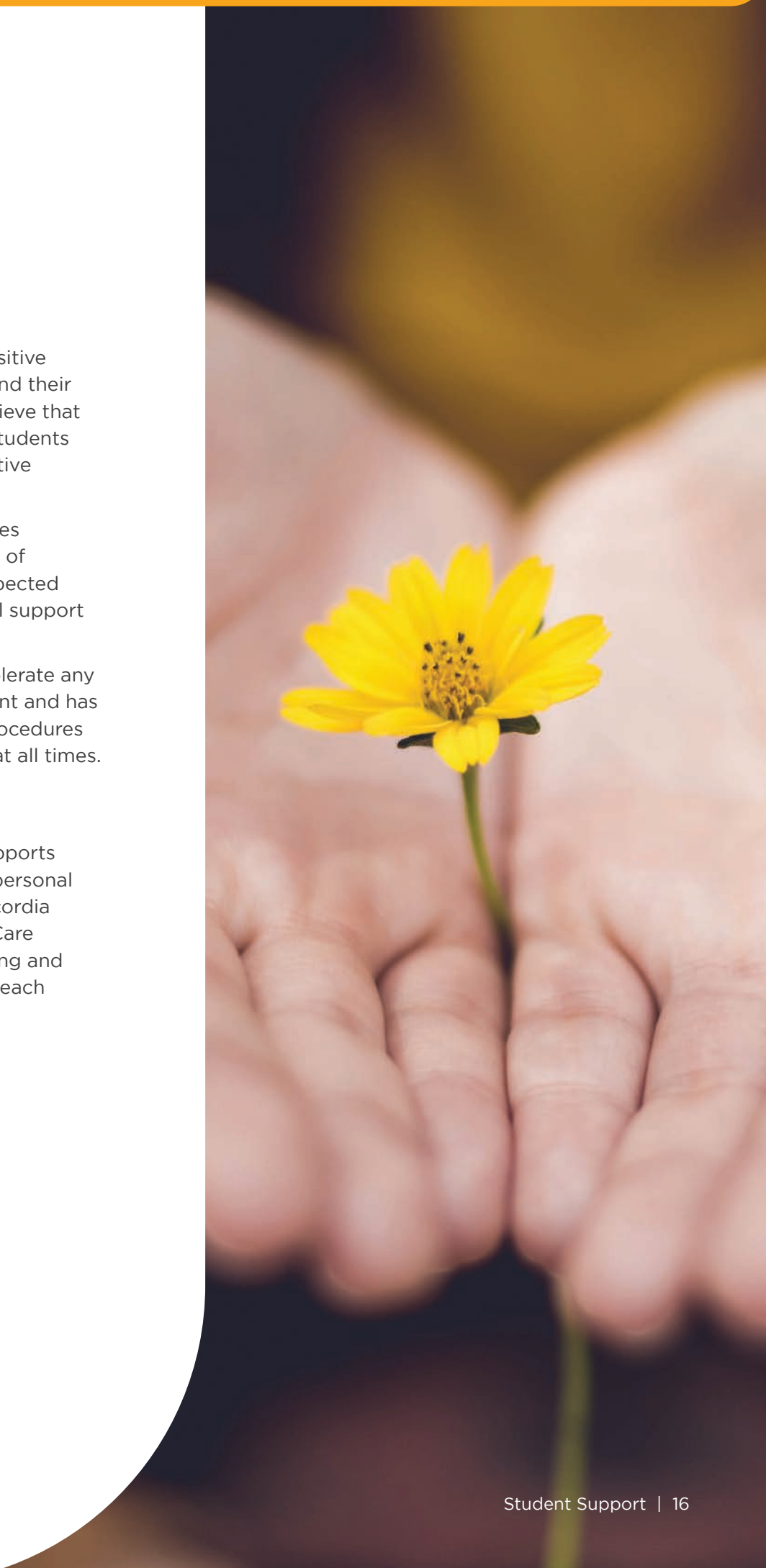
Concordia College values positive relationships with students and their parents or guardians and believe that this partnership will enable students to learn in a safe and supportive environment.

Enrolling at Concordia requires students to adhere to a code of behaviour and where it is expected that parents or guardians will support the College.

Concordia College will not tolerate any form of bullying or harassment and has implemented policies and procedures to ensure students feel safe at all times.

Pastoral Care

Exceptional pastoral care supports academic achievement and personal growth. To support this Concordia offers a structured Pastoral Care Program that provides learning and growth opportunities across each year level.



Homestay

Homestay accommodation provides students from overseas the opportunity to become fully immersed in the Australian culture, through living with a local family who offer a warm and inviting home environment.

Concordia College has engaged a registered homestay provider for a cost-effective living option for students from overseas. This provides families offshore the reassurance that their child will be safe and well supported throughout their enrolment at Concordia.

All approved Concordia homestay families are located close to the College with easy transportation options available.

Students are provided with their own bedroom including a study area, three meals per day, and 24 hour/7 day a week Concordia College phone number to contact.

Safety in Australia

Australia is considered a relatively safe country compared to many other countries around the world.

Many parents from overseas see Adelaide as an ideal location for their children to study with its low population of only 1.3 million people, providing a quiet and safe environment.

There are however, some safety tips we would recommend families from overseas should be aware of as they prepare to arrive in Australia.

Studies in Australia offers a blog that provides some safety tips.

Please visit www.studiesinaustralia.com/Blog/about-australia/safety-tips-for-studying-in-australia

Enrolment

Concordia offers enrolment to International students (visa 500) in Years 1-12. Students under 14 years of age must live with a parent, guardian or approved relative.

Students are required to complete the International Student Enrolment Application Form.

Visa - Department of Home Affairs

The Australian Government Department of Home Affairs provides comprehensive information to students about visa requirements and the application process. It also provides an application document checklist.

Please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au/trav/stud for current information.

Education Agents

Concordia will require the full details of the education agent who is supporting your Application for Enrolment. As per ESOS requirements Concordia must enter into a written agreement with the education agent and upload all the agents details into the Australian Department of Education and Training Student Management System called PRISMS.

If you do not have an education agent Concordia can make available a list for you to choose from its existing agent network to support you.

Migration Advice & Education Outcome

Please note that Concordia cannot provide any advice on migration, or guaranteeing any migration or education outcome from undertaking any of its courses.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Academic Requirements

Students enrolling at Concordia College must have successfully completed the year level prior to the year level they are seeking enrolment. This means, a student seeking enrolment into Year 10 at Concordia must have successfully completed a Year 9 curriculum.

Students must provide evidence of satisfactory attendance and course progression at their current school in their Enrolment Application Form. It must include satisfactory effort and academic achievement (minimum C grade or 73-76% or better) reflected across all subjects.

English Language Proficiency

Students must provide an English language proficiency assessment for both enrolment at Concordia College and for visa purpose.

Students seeking direct entry into mainstream study at Concordia College need to provide evidence of sufficient English language skills to successfully meet the curriculum demands of the course they are seeking enrolment. This is a requirement under the ESOS 2018 National Code of Practice, Section D Standard 2.

As an example, for direct entry into Year 10, students would need to evidence an AEAS score of minimum 80 or other English Proficiency as equivalent.

English Language School (ELICOS)

The English Language Proficiency assessment will indicate what duration of time the student needs to enrol at an English language school before commencing at Concordia College.

Concordia College utilises Adelaide International School (AIS) as one of its English language school providers.

Concordia College utilises local English language school providers. They provide English language learning to students seeking enrolment into primary, middle or senior school year levels. This learning also involves cultural awareness and integration into life in Adelaide, South Australia.

Students will not be able to commence mainstream study until they have successfully completed their English language studies that includes designated immersion days at Concordia College.

The Application Process

Complete the Concordia College International Student Enrolment Application Form.

Attach:

- Copy of the student's Passport
- Academic school reports from the previous two (2) years
- English language proficiency assessment. This may include IELTS, AEAS or other recognized assessment

Subject Selection

As part of the enrolment process international students will meet with their School Leader to select subjects. For Senior School students this is critical to ensure selected subjects align with their future career aspirations. Parents living outside of Australia will be invited to join via online where possible.

ESOS Framework

The Australian Government wishes for International students in Australia to have a safe, enjoyable and rewarding place to study.

Australia has developed a National code that promotes quality education and consumer protection for international students. Known as the ESOS framework it includes the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act 2000 and the National Code 2018.

A comprehensive fact sheet is available at International Education.gov.au

For more information please visit the international student pages on the College website :

www.concordia.sa.edu.au/enrolment/international-students

or contact:

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2023 Schedule of Fees (AUD)

Course Duration (plus term breaks)	39 weeks	39 weeks	39 weeks	39 weeks	39 weeks	39 weeks
Year Level	**Year 7**	**Year 8**	**Year 9**	**Year 10**	**Year 11**	**Year 12**
Tuition Fee	$22,000	$24,200	$24,200	$24.200	$25,500	$25,500
Composite Fee*	$1,610	$1,510	$1,510	$1,590	$1,590	$1,590
IT Levy	$730	$730	$730	$730	$730	$730
Building Fund Contribution	$300	$300	$300	$300	$300	$300
Total Compulsory Fees (per year)	**$24,640**	**$26,740**	**$26,740**	**$26,820**	**$28,120**	**$28,120**

Additional costs (approximate costs - subject to change)

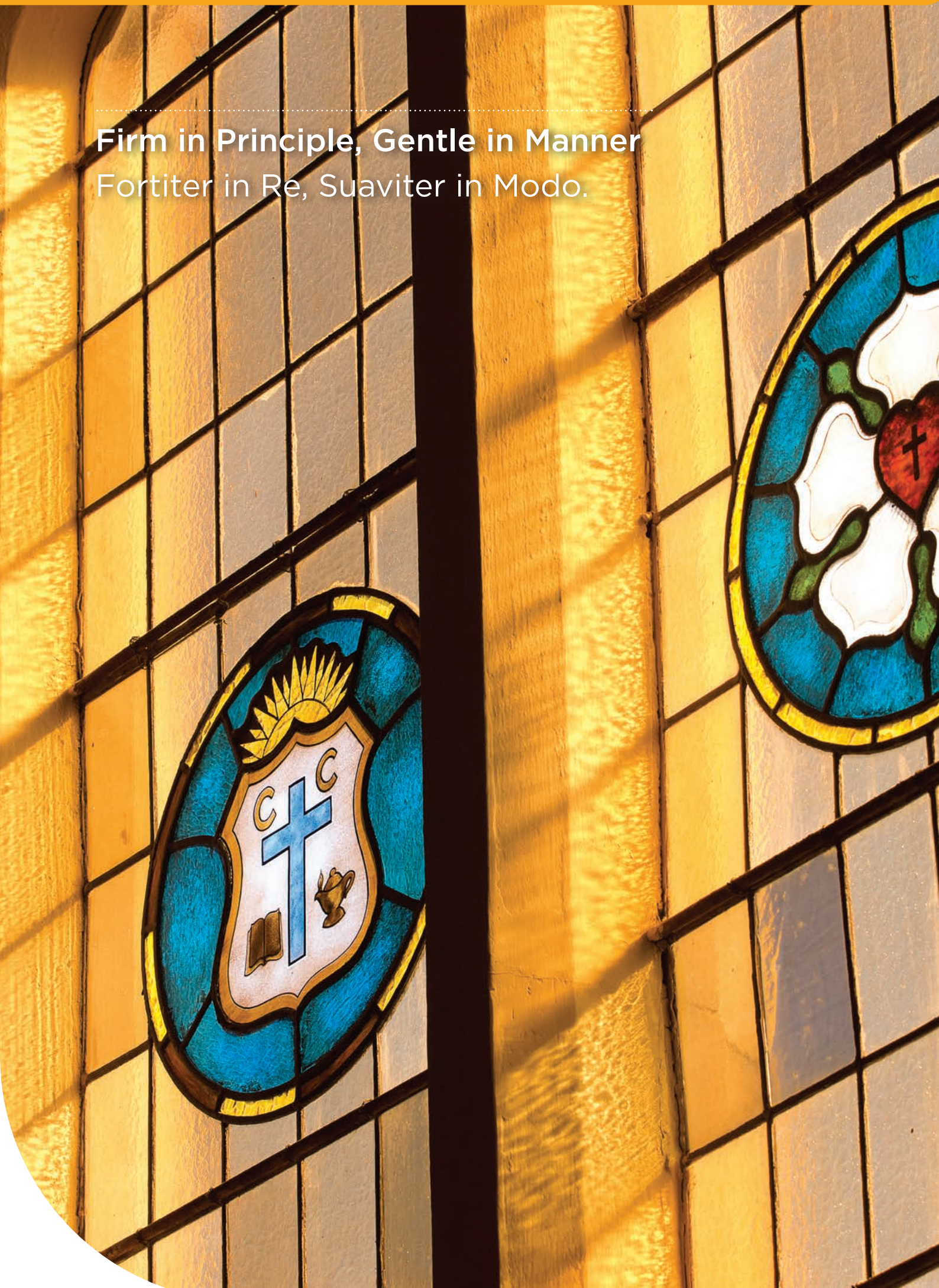
All students	**AUD**	
Enrolment Application Fee	$200	(once only when application is accepted)
Overseas Student Health Cover (arranged by the College)	$553	(deposit for the first year) *Full payment for duration of Visa due with first invoice.*
Uniform	$800	(on arrival, varies depending on needs)
Stationery	$120	(annually, varies depending on needs)
Old Collegians Membership	$250	(once off payment)
Building Fund Levy	$300	

Students in Concordia College Homestay arranged through Happy Homestay Adelaide

Homestay Placement Fee	$280	(once only if homestay placement is required)
Homestay Accommodation	from $320	(per week)

**The composite fee covers all necessary curriculum requirements including use of text books, diary, school magazine, project materials, Internet access, co-curricular activities and cost of excursions and year level camps. It also covers the costs associated with the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme, South Australia Certificate of Education and examination registration fees.*

**Fees are reviewed annually and subject to change.*
Please refer - https://www.concordia.sa.edu.au/enrolments/international-students/



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Fortiter in Re, Suaviter in Modo.

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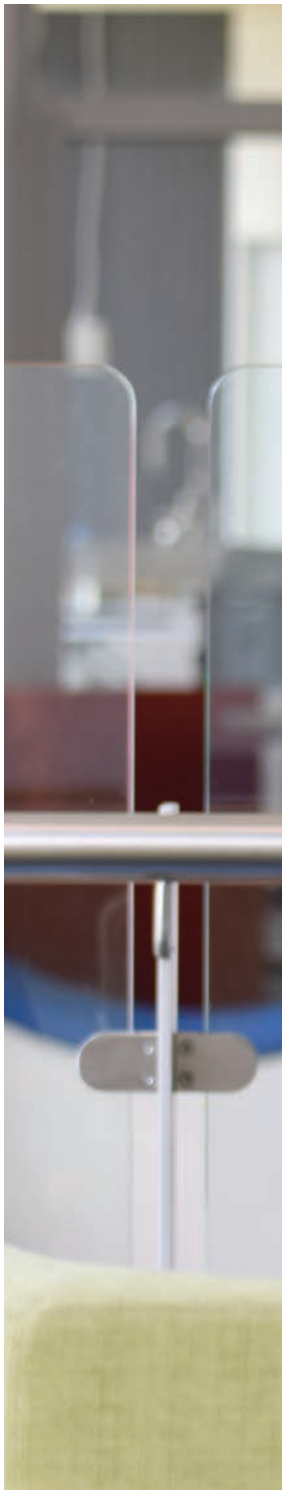

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