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A Heart of Passion

Human beings can be incredibly passionate – especially if it’s for a cause they believe in! Harnessing these passions and directing them in the right way is all part of living in a vibrant and harmonious society.

Our Concordia community is blessed to have many people who use their passions to make our school a great place for our students to grow and pursue their own passions. Whether they are parents, members of staff, Old Concordians, or students themselves, we are fortunate to have a culture at our College that is caring and supportive, striving for excellence, and seeking opportunities for personal growth. It makes Concordia a wonderful place to be!

While the meaning of the word ‘passion’ has changed over time, both its Latin and Greek roots actually connect it with *suffering* and *passivity*, which at first glance seems to be almost the opposite of how we see it today. In its original sense, *passion* is about enduring something that has come from outside of ourselves. While we often associate passions with a personal emotion from within, passions have classically been understood as deriving from an *external* force that works on us to bring about a passionate response. While this external force can be positive and lead to pleasant and joyful outcomes – such as the birth of a child bringing joy – the word *passion* is most closely associated with enduring something difficult and experiencing some level of suffering.

Perhaps you can see this reflected in your own life. Certain interests and hobbies we have might be important to us, but if we have to let them go for a time, or miss out on them due to something else, we can survive. But our *passions* distinguish themselves from mere hobbies because they have almost always involved an element of sacrifice or suffering. We are willing to endure things for our passions and, as we look further into these, we can sometimes see what the external force was, or is, that has played such a big role in making us care so passionately about certain things.

As we have ventured through the season of Lent at Concordia, we have closely examined and relived the events of Jesus’ betrayal and crucifixion, which have famously been called his *passion*. It was the extraordinary love that God had for all people that meant Jesus was willing to suffer and endure incredible anguish on the cross. It is because of this, as well as the remarkable hope of his resurrection, that Christians have passionately shared the message about God’s love in Jesus throughout the world, even if it has meant enduring their own suffering in order to do so.

The spiritual life of the school this term has allowed us to reflect on the passions that drive us and consider whether these are always good, or in balance. We have also been open to the work of the Holy Spirit to shape our hearts, so that our passions and desires come to resemble his.

We hope your own Easter journey has allowed you to reconnect with God and his love for you and that you are facing 2021 with a renewed sense of purpose and passion.

Dale Gosden
College Pastor

From the Chair



Welcome to the 2021 School Year

One of the real strengths of Concordia is the strong bond of community that has developed over many years. It is therefore good news that we are currently able to invite more of our community back to both campuses as we give thanks to God for his protection during these uncertain times.

Much has been happening both in the learning spaces and behind the scenes during the latter half of 2020 to position us for the year ahead – a year of change, opportunity and aspiration.

Firstly:

- Late in 2020 we shared the redevelopment of our St John’s Campus. Our appointed architects, Brown Falconer have prepared some extraordinary drawings that will soon begin coming to life

- We anticipate the build to be around 18 months in duration, commencing in the middle of this year, and in 2023 we will welcome you to a multi-level dynamic building designed for an amazing learning environment
- The Board has involved key stakeholders to advise us during the process, mindful of emerging learning environments and ensuring attention to detail in line with the future needs of our students, indeed the future needs of our entire College community
- Upon completion, our ELC will then include three-year-old children (we currently offer this learning experience from four years of age)
- Years 4, 5 and 6 will be triple streamed – meaning three classes per year level, all the while maintaining our sense of community, student connectedness and vibrant learning opportunities

- Other Primary School year levels will increase to triple streaming in the future on a carefully planned timeline
- A larger multipurpose hall for use by students, staff and parents/caregivers at the St John’s Campus is part of the redevelopment.

Further:

- The Board is in the process of active planning for a new gymnasium to serve the entire community.

Finally:

- We will invite you to join us on the journey of “*Building for the Future*”, including inviting you to consider a philanthropic donation during our annual giving. We cherish all your contributions be they prayerful, in person, or monetary (with all monetary donations being tax deductible) and thank you for your support.

The Board will keep you updated as progress continues.

Dr Loyd R Fyffe
Chair, Concordia College Board



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Reflection & Celebration

The end of each school year brings many opportunities for commemoration, reflection and celebration. After a tumultuous year in 2020, we were delighted and grateful to be able to conclude with many of our Term 4 events, albeit with some adjustments.

We trust the speeches that follow will enable readers to share retrospectively in two of these occasions - the Year 12 Valedictory Service and the St John's Campus Closing Service.



Valedictory Service, Principal's Address

Tuesday, 20 October 2020

Chair of the Board, Dr Loyd Fyffe; College Board members; St John's Campus Principal, Mr Michael Paech; special guests, College staff, parents and carers and the members of the Year 12 Class of 2020.

Welcome to the Concordia College 2020 Valedictory Service. In many ways, this is the pinnacle of the school year at Concordia College.

I want to share some of my thoughts and reflections as we head towards the close of the 2020 school year.

It has been a year where, together, we have shared in the achievements of this Year 12 group, achievements that were reached by being open to new possibilities.

Despite constantly changing constraints, our Year 12 Class of 2020 grew at a pace we all thought might prove difficult and, in many

ways, we have all had to grow with them as we navigated our way through what were new and unexpected challenges.

Theologian and author C.S. Lewis once said, "Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny." We will all face adversity in our lives, the key is how we choose to respond. It has been evident that this Year 12 group responded by adopting, adapting and honing new skills to deal with a form of adversity we have never experienced.

Skills such as creativity, innovation, flexibility and the ability to embrace new and unknown challenges will stand this year's Senior Class in excellent stead. Your growth through learning and serving in our College community can definitely be described as extraordinary.

For you, Class of 2020, your challenge now is to take what you

value from Concordia, and in particular your Final Year experiences, and use this strength and character well into the future - beyond Year 12 and indeed beyond Concordia - to serve and care for others around you who may also face adversity.

Student Leadership has been a significant factor in the success of the Year 12 experience in 2020. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the School Captains, Josh and Hannah, the School Leaders, House Captains and Action Leaders.

Congratulations to you on what has been a year of outstanding service to the Concordia community.

It has been wonderful to witness these leaders modelling incredible resilience and self-management under pressure. The determined

response of the student leadership was a wonderfully positive influence in the College through their enthusiasm, energy and servant hearts. Please acknowledge the wonderful service of our School Leaders.

The overwhelming emotion for most of you tonight will be joy. You have looked forward to this day and to this moment for a long time. You have finally completed your secondary education!

While I truly understand your emotion, I am also quite sure there will be a tinge of sadness, and that you will look back with fondness on the experiences you have had, the lessons you learned, and most importantly the friends you made here at Concordia.

Over the past 12 months you have shared emotional stories whilst on Retreat, some have confidently strutted their stuff on the dance floor at the Formal, others nervously headed to the Media Studio to make yet another video. You have laughed and screamed

during the Champions Cup and given rousing renditions of 'The Blind Man Sat By The Road' on the last day of each school term.

But, as if in the blink of an eye, ... your time at Concordia is about to become a memory.

Every year, as we farewell another cohort and acknowledge everything they contributed to the College, we also acknowledge what we lose as they leave.

Every year, a little part of us walks out the College gates with the departing class, because, in amongst the hard work, the frustration and the stress, there are always many more moments of joy, enlightenment, satisfaction, success, pride and appreciation.

In turn, we hope a small part of this community remains with you. In hard times, I hope the lessons learned at Concordia can be your solid ground, your North Star, a source of inspiration, a clear small voice in your hearts that will be with you always, comforting, directing, and reassuring you.

In conclusion, I would like to discuss the importance of commitment as you go forward into the next stage of your lives.

As you approach the last of your school days, the allure of freedom and individualism is strong. It is right for you to go out and explore. There is nothing wrong with freedom and possibilities and autonomy, but the vision that claims life is all rosy can often over-promise and under-deliver. Ironically, within this newfound freedom, one of the more liberating values is that of commitment.

It is important to recognise that you have experienced a life of discipline and commitment to a community during your time at the Concordia. You have belonged to something bigger than yourselves, and you have carried the obligations and expectations that come with that belonging.

You have built friendships through shared experiences. You were surrounded by people whose lives are marked by service and

commitment; in fact, your entire school experience was made possible by the commitment of those around you.

As you ponder your life commitments for the future, it is important to recognise the commitments made to you in the past.

Firstly, your parents and carers, whose love and commitment to you is one of the defining elements of your lives. Their commitment to you has been immense. They have put aside their own interests and opportunities, they have supported and encouraged and witnessed and wept. They are living examples of the fact that commitment is critical is to success. Please join me in publicly acknowledging and thanking your parents and carers for their commitment to you.

Your teachers, too, are defined by their commitment. Teaching at Concordia is a vocation – a calling. It is a calling that leads them to go above and beyond in guiding your education. Their commitment to seeing you grow and flourish and thrive in mind, body and spirit stems from their conviction that education matters, and that you matter. Please join with me in publicly thanking and acknowledging the staff at Concordia, whose commitment to your education has made your journey what it is, to this point and in the years to come.

I put to you that commitment is a cornerstone of a fulfilled life. The challenge for you is to work out how, who, and what, you will be committed to.

Your parents, your teachers and your experiences have equipped you with the knowledge and skills to make wise, considered, and compassionate choices in your commitments.

My hope and prayer is that, as you move on from Concordia, and as you find those people, and places and tasks to which you will commit, you will also remember the Lord Jesus. His words are a firm foundation on which we can build a good life. He provides us with a mission and purpose. His death and resurrection provide us with hope that endures, and commitment that will not disappoint.

The apostle Paul, nearing the end of his days and reflecting on the path he chose, wrote:

“I am not ashamed, because I know in whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him.”

The Lord Jesus can be trusted. Commit yourselves to him, stand firm in him and you will find a joyful and fulfilled life.

To the Class of 2020 – every blessing for the future!

Thank you.

Paul Weinert
Principal – Concordia Campus



St John's Campus Closing Service, Principal's Address

Wednesday, 9 December 2020

Good evening invited guests, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, and welcome to our Year 6 Graduation Service for 2020.

A special welcome to our invited guests who include Dr Loyd Fyffe – Chair of our Concordia College Board, Mr Paul Wienert – Principal of the Concordia Campus, and also a number of 2021 Student Leaders from Concordia Campus.

Tonight is a significant occasion in the calendar of our school year as we gather to give thanks to God for the year and celebrate the graduation of our Year 6 students.

While it is unfortunate that we were not able to gather as a whole school community tonight, we are thankful that we can still proceed with a modified Graduation Service. I thank everyone for their contribution to helping make tonight possible and for your understanding in accommodating the changes we have been required to make.

On a positive note, we did get to acknowledge, thank and congratulate our Graduating Class this morning in our regular Chapel service. This was a great way to conclude our school year with all students and staff present.

So, once again, welcome everyone. We hope that you enjoy our evening together.

During the next part of our evening, I would like to spend a few minutes sharing some reflections on our wonderful Graduating Class. I don't think many people would disagree that 2020 has been an enormous year, a year filled with challenges and heightened levels of uncertainty, all of which have certainly stretched us and at times raised our levels of anxiety.

So how has this backdrop in 2020 played out in the lives of this energetic and talented group of young people... who are now preparing to step into Year 7 and Middle School?

At our Graduation Dinner on Friday night, we enjoyed a wonderful evening together, reflecting on the year that has been and reminiscing on the journey that they have shared during their time at the St John's Campus.

Our two hours together passed very quickly and was extremely enjoyable... due in the main to the wonderful way in which these young people conducted themselves and engaged so positively in the evening.

Our time together on Friday night highlighted to me and other staff, how close the bonds are within this group.

This group of young people has coped remarkably well with the particular challenges associated with this year, and the students have found creative and innovative ways to solve problems and work around

challenges. Their growth in resilience and in their ability to cope with a changing landscape, has been very encouraging to see.

A few weeks ago, I was also fortunate to join them for their aquatics camp at Port Hughes... and once again I witnessed the very positive bond that this group enjoy with each other.

To our Graduating Class: you have enjoyed many wonderful times together over the years. You have often laughed together (you did a lot of that at your Graduation Dinner and also on camp), and yes you have sometimes cried together, you have on the odd occasion argued and even fought with each other, you have often then made the decision to apologise to each other, you have travelled through good times and challenging times together... and all of these experiences and what you have learnt along the way, have helped to shape you into the fine young people that you are today.

This mixed bag of experiences is all a normal part of 'growing up', a normal part of the journey through life. The challenges that you have faced together, for the most part, have made you stronger. I also believe that these challenges, along with the guidance and support you have received from those around you, have helped to shape within you some very important values, attitudes and beliefs about what is right and fair and good.

I believe this is something for which we should all be thankful to your parents, your teachers and other staff, and also to God.

I want to thank you, our Graduating Class of 2020, for your significant contribution to the St John's Campus community during your time with us.

It has been a joy watching each of you grow into the fine young people that you are today, and it has also been a privilege to be able to be a part of your journey.

I wish each of you God's rich blessings for the years ahead.

To our parents who have been able to join us tonight... on behalf of our community I would like to thank you for your commitment to the important partnership between home and school that has been so critical to the positive journey for these young people. Your support, encouragement, patience and desire to work together with us has been greatly appreciated. We thank you for this.

At the end of another year, I also want to acknowledge and sincerely thank our committed and caring staff for their consistent contribution and enduring efforts during what has been a tough year. I also thank our College Board for their guidance and support and our St John's Lutheran Church congregation for their ongoing support.

I wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and a positive start to the new year.

I also look forward to reconnecting with many of you in the new year.

Thank you.

Michael Paech
Principal – St John's Campus



Learning Framework

At the start of 2020 Concordia College's new learning framework 'Unlocking Futures' was launched to the school community. This research-based and collaboratively developed framework outlines the key learning principles for the future of the College's teaching and learning programs, designed to support students in being able to thrive in a changing world.

Over the next four years, the methodical implementation of the framework will focus on four skill areas: Self-Management, Research, Social, and Thinking and Communication. The focus for 2021 will continue to be on the *foundational* skills of self-management that underpin the key learning principle of Resilience. In unpacking the key aspects of self-management, the *'Principles of Organisation'* were determined to be a crucial target area.

Learning Conversations

Learner Agency, or the ability of a learner to actively contribute to and take responsibility for their learning, is a key principle of our 'Unlocking Futures' learning framework. We want to further develop opportunities for students to have greater voice, choice and

ownership in their learning, essentially enabling our students to 'take the wheel' of their learning journey, whilst their teachers are sitting in the front passenger seat guiding them along the path they are choosing to follow.

A major strategy in achieving this at the Concordia Campus in 2021 will be the further implementation and improvement of 'Learning Conversations' for all Year 7 to 10 students that commenced last year as a replacement to the traditional 'parent-teacher' interviews. In preparation for their learning across the year, students will be provided with time, resources and support to set and monitor their progress towards learning powerful, emotionally compelling and motivational learning goals. During two 'learning conversations' across the year, students will have the

opportunity to show and discuss examples of their learning that demonstrate their achievement and progress towards their specific learning goals and aspirations. These will be discussed with their Home Class teacher and parents/caregivers.

Learner Profile Pilot Project

There is a major shift happening educationally, both globally and locally, regarding the 'measures' that schools and other educational institutions use to define 'success'. There is a significant shift and recognition in primary, secondary and tertiary education environments towards the view that that simply basing a student's 'academic' success on their subject grades alone, or 'what they know', is not desirable. It is both a very poor indicator of a student's true learning capabilities and progress and is not the most important factor in achieving success in tertiary education. The focus in the context for schools has therefore shifted from looking to report on *'what a student knows'* to instead considering how we can report on *'what a student can do with what they know'*.

Excitingly for the College, we have been recognised for our work in this space with the University of Melbourne in recent years. Subsequently, we have been invited, along with a selection of other schools, to participate in a 'Learner Profile' project. This project will re-shape how our College measures and defines success, achievement and progress in student learning. Ultimately, the outcomes of the project will help our students to gain a better understanding of their learning skills such as problem-solving, communication, self-management and creative and critical thinking – skills that are both essential for their futures, and a much better indicator of 'what they can do with what they know'.

Rachel Muldoon

Director of Teaching and Learning/PYP Coordinator
St John's Campus

Paul Bannister

Director of Student Learning
Concordia Campus

Wellbeing Framework



Since forming a research partnership with Flinders University in 2019, Concordia College has been working to develop an innovative, evidence-based Wellbeing Framework.

Our new framework is supported by strong evidence that wellbeing programs provide numerous benefits. As well as boosting emotional regulation and social competence, they also improve academic performance and contribute to lifelong outcomes such as better mental health, greater productivity and enhanced life satisfaction. As a Christian College, we greatly value these gifts and actively seek to establish practices that allow people within our community to thrive.

Concordia's Wellbeing Framework is based around four pillars:

- + Spiritual Development (understanding the Christian faith, being inclusive and compassionate, service to others, and using values to guide decisions)
- + Self-awareness (understanding and managing thoughts and emotions)
- + Social Development (understanding, respecting and working with others)
- + Responsible Citizenship (understanding the challenges of growing independence, and making responsible, ethical decisions)

Our new Wellbeing Framework also embraces staff and families. It is designed to enable core wellbeing skills to become deeply familiar practices that benefit our whole community and encourage

healthy attitudes and behaviours to become central elements of daily life.

Across the wellbeing domains, many themes are already well developed within the College. This year, we will refine three priority areas by building sequenced programs that deepen understanding across year levels. The target areas for 2021 are:

- + Psychological skills to deal with challenges and stretching beyond the comfort zone, including perseverance and challenging unhealthy (self-critical) perfectionism
- + Friendships and bullying
- + Body image education

As these programs unfold, we look forward to sharing more information about what our students are learning, and opportunities for parallel parent education sessions.

This year, we are also excited to launch our new Graduate Transition Program. Young graduates serving on the Old Concordians' Association Committee have identified a need to assist school leavers as they emerge from our closely supported school environment into the relatively unstructured and unknown world of adulthood. In response, our new program provides valuable social support and education for this transition period.

Old Concordians' Association President **Matt Bruening** (2016) had this to say about the development of the program: *'We are so proud of how the program has been developed in collaboration with current and past*

Concordia students. We let their voices be heard and guide the programs focus. Student wellbeing has always been a strong emphasis at Concordia, but the transition between Year 12 and life outside of school is rarely focussed on. By providing graduating students with the opportunity to explore their concerns and anxieties surrounding this transition in a safe and collaborative environment, we hope to make it that bit easier for them.'

The program launched on Thursday, 25 February at a workshop for the Class of 2020. A range of speakers (business, university and recent graduate peers) shared tips for maintaining and building social networks, accessing support, understanding financial decisions and adjusting to independent, young adult life.

We look forward to the growth of this program in the future as the Old Concordians' Association is committed to strengthening the friendships and support networks begun while studying at Concordia. Speaking about the committee's future hopes for the program, Matt Bruening said, *'The program session this year is a launchpad for an expanded and fully-realised program in future years. We aim to build "lifelong connections" between graduates within the Old Concordians' Association, and we really hope this program can further strengthen the bonds students have developed during their school life.'*

Dr Catherine Johnson
Psychologist, Researcher-in-Residence and Old Concordian (1978)

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Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 students enjoyed an evening together on Friday, 4 December to celebrate the end of their primary schooling. Dinner was served in The Suaviter as they shared stories and memories of their time at the St John's Campus. Teachers enjoyed mixing with the students and it is a highlight of the year for the community. Student Leaders prepare speeches to share with their peers and this year awards were given to each student to commemorate a particular memory. The insight and humour that was shown during the awards added significantly to the evening with many laughs and the sense of congeniality amongst the group.

It was an outstanding evening for staff and students and is a special memory for the students to take with them into the future.



Nunyara Camp

The Year 3 Camp during Term 4 was held at Nunyara in Belair. This was a change in venue but meant that both Year 3 classes could have their first overnight camp experience together. The focus of the Camp was communication, teamwork and building leadership skills. The students enjoyed activities such as a water obstacle course, shelter building, brain teasers, and billycart course designing and racing. They also challenged themselves with climbing a very tall pine tree. They were exhausted but pleased with themselves when they returned to school after their first school camp experience.



Port Hughes Camp

The Year 6 students travelled to Port Hughes for three days for their final camp together. The weather was fabulous, and the activities included fishing, kayaking and billy cart racing. Plenty of time was spent in the water and the evenings included a Red Faces style talent show. The students showed self-management and responsibility in the way that they cared for themselves, their belongings and their friends as they shared this special time together.



Water Spectacular

Many of our excursions were cancelled throughout the year. A dedicated group of staff decided that a great way to end the term, and the year, was with a spectacular Water Activities afternoon. Students loved the enormous slip and slide, throwing wet sponges and being allowed to run through the oval sprinklers. The weather was perfect for a wet afternoon. The families were encouraged to make sure that they had towels with them when they collected their children. Many children and staff were wet through by the end of a fabulously wet way to spend the last afternoon of 2020 together.



ELC to Year 2 Parent Event 2021

On a perfect Friday evening, our ELC, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents enjoyed the opportunity to connect with friends both new and old while enjoying delicious wood fired oven pizza and drinks in the St John's Campus Courtyard. The relaxed and friendly environment saw parents getting to know each other as well as meeting key staff and teachers from each year level.

Thanks to the P&F for supporting this fabulous parent event and to our wonderful group of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parent volunteers for assisting. We look forward to hosting an event for parents from these year levels in May!



Experiencing a **POSITIVE** Transition

From a Middle School perspective, we have enjoyed a very settled start to the year, and there are many contributing factors to this.

The first is the calibre of our teachers and the way they collaborate in their teams to provide an environment where students feel cared for as they are guided through the transition process.

Concordia aims to provide our young students with the best education possible. We expose them to a broad range of curriculum learning experiences, personalising this by providing appropriate levels of support and challenge for holistic development.

The Year 7 to 8 model, where (when possible) students move with their teacher from Year 7 into Year 8, provides a level of assurance as the students progress through their first two years in the Middle School. The Year 9s moving into single gender Home Classes also brings a level of comfort for the students.

No two students are alike, and their unique characteristics and needs can be vastly different. Although the transition process is constantly evolving to continually meet our students' needs, we are grateful for the positive transition that has occurred, and we look forward to a year of extraordinary learning in the Middle School.

Briony Carman
Head of Middle School



Family Gathering

There was a fantastic buzz in the Quad with over 400 people attending our **Year 7 Family Gathering** on Friday, 12 February. As well as enjoying gourmet woodfired oven pizza, families had a chance to hear from the Principal and the Head of Middle School, meet the Year 7 Home Class teachers in a relaxed environment and enjoy music from the Concordia Concert Band. A great way to celebrate the start of a new school year and a new chapter for many of our Year 7 families!



Activities Day

The end of the school year has always been a time of great celebration. At the end of 2020, following a short lock-down in SA, the Middle School team worked quickly to develop an end of year activities program for students in Years 7 to 9 which allowed them to celebrate the year while adhering to COVID-19 restrictions. Year 9 students had a special graduation ceremony to mark the end of their time in the Middle School and to wrap up The Rite Journey program. Throughout the day each year level had a trip to the local cinemas to watch one of the latest release movies. Throughout the rest of the day students had the opportunity to choose from a range of other activities, including volleyball, softball and cricket matches, board games and card games, mindful colouring, art and craft activities, and decorating gingerbread houses. The gingerbread houses were later donated to The Salvation Army who used them with their Christmas hampers. In a year that was unlike any other, it was great to bring the Middle School community together to celebrate the final days of school for 2020.

Joanne Wegener
Acting Assistant Head of Middle School for 2020



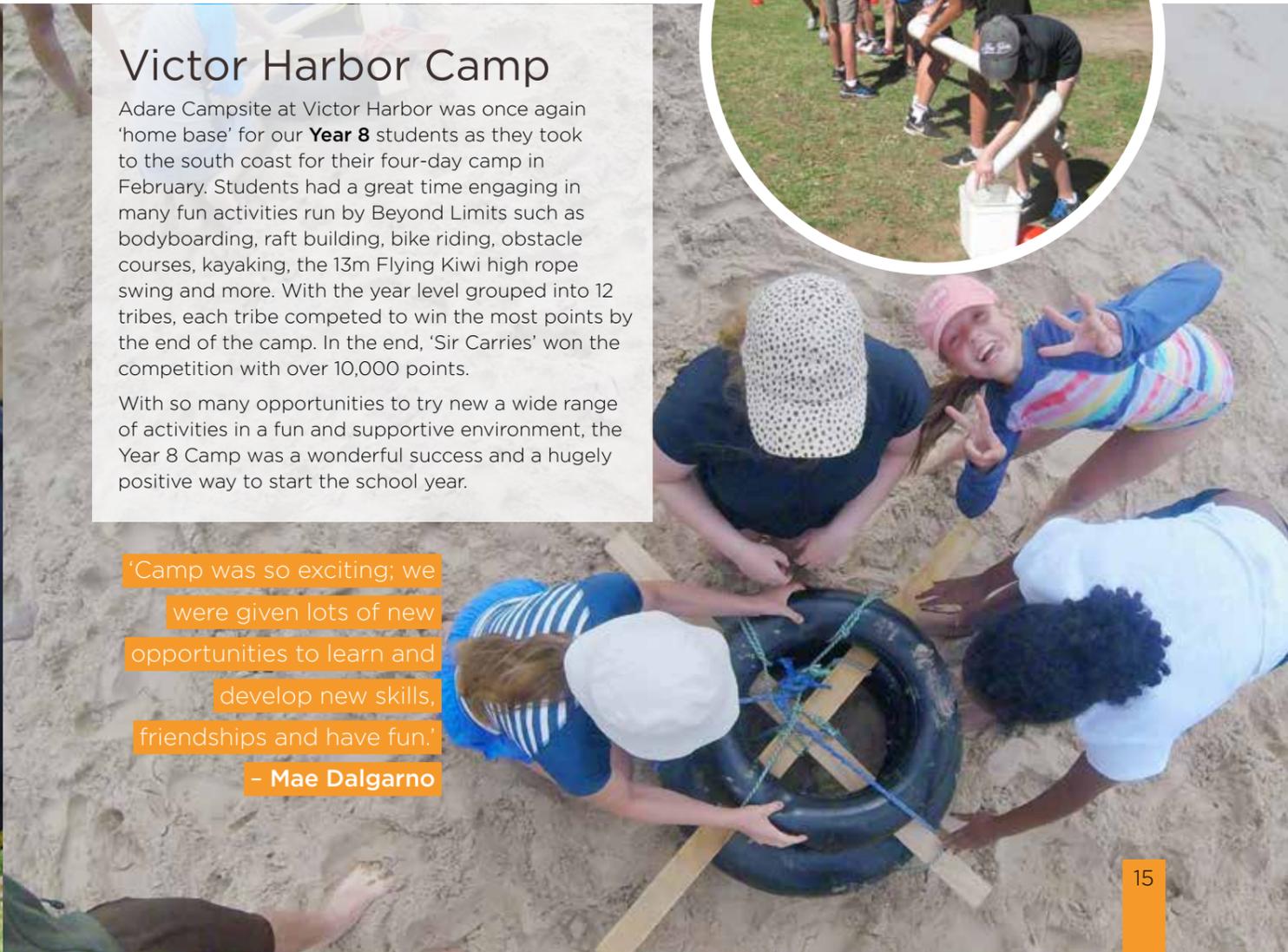
Victor Harbor Camp

Adare Campsite at Victor Harbor was once again 'home base' for our **Year 8** students as they took to the south coast for their four-day camp in February. Students had a great time engaging in many fun activities run by Beyond Limits such as bodyboarding, raft building, bike riding, obstacle courses, kayaking, the 13m Flying Kiwi high rope swing and more. With the year level grouped into 12 tribes, each tribe competed to win the most points by the end of the camp. In the end, 'Sir Carries' won the competition with over 10,000 points.

With so many opportunities to try new a wide range of activities in a fun and supportive environment, the Year 8 Camp was a wonderful success and a hugely positive way to start the school year.

'Camp was so exciting; we were given lots of new opportunities to learn and develop new skills, friendships and have fun.'

- Mae Dalgarno





LWSA Award

Late in November, we congratulated Concordia student Eva Kemp on receiving a Lutheran Women of South Australia and the Northern Territory Encouragement Award. The Award was presented at an Assembly, recognising Eva's desire to show God's love for all in a tangible way, her commitment to personal excellence and her servant heart. Well done, Eva, and thank you for your service to the Concordia community.



Formal 2021

Dressed in suave suits and glamorous gowns, our Year 12s enjoyed a night of fine dining and celebration at the Year 12 Formal held at the InterContinental Adelaide on Friday, 12 March. A wonderful highlight of the year for the Class of 2021 and a memorable occasion for all who attended!

Valentine's Day Heart Foundation Fundraiser

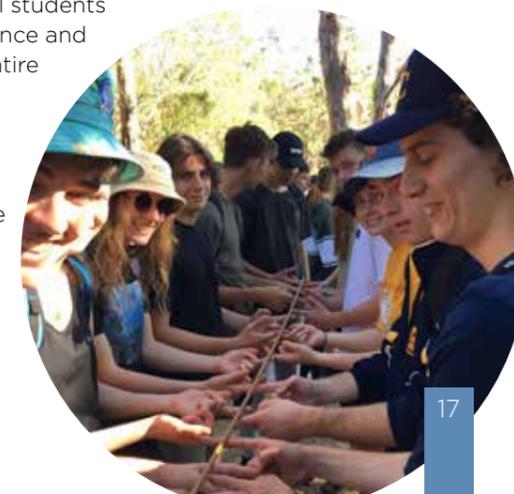
We love supporting good causes! On Friday, 12 February, our Year 12s ran a Valentine's Day themed fundraiser. Roses and singing telegrams were delivered during Home Class and heart-shaped notes decorated lockers throughout the Concordia Campus. In the end, a total of \$2,422 was raised for the Heart Foundation. Thanks to all who contributed to a fun day raising funds for a worthy cause!



Year 12 Retreat

This year we incorporated YourChoicez (a full-day seminar educating, inspiring and empowering young people to have healthy, respectful relationships) into the Year 12 Retreat held at Nunyara Conference Centre in Belair. As well as working as a team to perform orienteering tasks in Belair National Park, students spent time in large and small group discussion sessions. All students and staff enjoyed the experience and it was humbling to see the entire group emotionally moved at different times during the Retreat. Overall, it was an incredibly valuable time in which students cemented the bonds they have forged over their years at Concordia.

Rick Sommariva
Year 12 Pastoral Leader



Farewell Class of 2020

There were mixed emotions in Term 4 for members of our Year 12 Class of 2020 as their time as Concordia students neared completion.

After enduring the necessary cancellation of many significant events throughout the year, it was wonderful to witness the Year 12s enjoying the traditional 'staff versus students' lunchtime sports, Year 12 breakfast, final non-uniform dress-up day, and the Year 12 Final Chapel Service and Valedictory Service.

The Year 12 Final Assembly on Friday, 23 October, was a highly creative and joy-filled celebration of the students' time at the College. Following the Assembly, the graduating class filed out of the Chapel past a guard of honour comprising students and staff from ELC to Year 11 who applauded them as they made their way through the Quad and onto the Oval – a fitting and emotional send-off for a wonderfully resilient group of graduates.

The events of their last two weeks – together with the Valedictory Dinner, which students were fortunately able to enjoy in the stunning pavilion in the Quad at the conclusion of their exams – were full of many memories. We trust that the Class of 2020 will cherish each of these moments, and many other wonderful memories of their school days at Concordia, forever.



Valedictory Awards

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|  Concordia Award Sarah Harper |  Concordia Award Joshua Z Martin |  Concordia Award Hannah Prenzler |  Sports Award Jessie Keech |  Sports Award Oliver Long |
|  Community Award Chelsea Hore |  Community Award Ethan Hurn |  Community Award Samuel Homburg | <h3>Principal's Service Awards</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hugo Beghini Eden Berger Lewis Blanchard-Jackson Jacqueline Borgas Hugo Costi Anne Davey Eva Falzon Ashleigh Flynn Henry Francis Joshua Goodwin Thomas Hall James Kemp Alexandra Maddaford Kate Martin Archie Muller Nicholas Stefanopoulos Layla Warren Allyssa Wiersema | |
|  Arts Award William Everett |  Arts Award Laura Gregory |  Arts Award Kaelah Owens-Fleetwood | | |

College Dux

Congratulations to our Year 12s on their outstanding achievements in 2020. A particular note of congratulations goes to **Jessica Chew** – top performing SACE student and Dux of Concordia College with an ATAR of 99.85 – as well as top performing IB Diploma Programme students **Mihalis Kokkoni** and **Terry Kutinyu**. We wish all of our graduates the very best for their future endeavours.





St John's Campus

Following a close victory by Winchester in 2020, which ended a run of five consecutive Sports Day wins by Highgate, the St John's Campus Sports Day Shield was once again on the line with all four Houses competing enthusiastically on Friday, 5 March.

The creativity, passion and energy shown by the students is always impressive as they perform their team raps prior to the first races getting underway. This year was no exception, and Principal Michael Paech's points for best team rap saw Winchester and Cheltenham taking a slight one-point lead over Highgate and Malvern at the outset.

Bookended by the excitement of the sprint races and relay races – as well as the final novelty event involving staff, parents and House Captains – there was a great buzz throughout the day, with students competing in numerous tabloid events to earn points for their House team.

We were delighted once again to have many parents

join us as Sports Day spectators and we thank all who attended and assisted to make the event such a success. We also commend all of the students for showing great sportsmanship and playing their part to help their team throughout the day.

Despite the large number of people in attendance, there was relative silence as the final scores were announced, with Highgate regaining the Shield after a fantastic day of friendly competition. Congratulations, Highgate!

Final Results:

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| Highgate | 1199 |
| Winchester | 1191 |
| Malvern | 1130 |
| Cheltenham | 994 |



Concordia Campus

Could 2021 be the year that the Winchester dynasty comes to a close, or will they prevail again and retain the Bartel Cup at our annual Concordia Campus Sports Day? That was the question in the minds of many as our four House teams converged on SA Athletics Stadium for a day of hearty competition on Thursday, 11 March.

With strong participation in the track and field events, as well as the much-loved tug of war and tunnel ball events, there was an air of excitement throughout the day's proceedings. As we entered the home stretch with the final relay races, the atmosphere was electric

with team members cheering their runners across the finish line.

Eight records were set, including 100m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, javelin, discus and triple jump.

Once all results had been tallied, it was time for the presentation of the Bartel Cup, with Winchester victorious in the end.

Well done to the Age Level Champions for their outstanding efforts and indeed to all who competed on Sports Day. We now look forward to lunchtime House Sport in Terms 2 and 3 as the overall race for the 2021 House Shield continues.

Final Results:

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| Winchester | 2637 |
| Malvern | 2510 |
| Highgate | 2385 |
| Cheltenham | 1982 |





Following several sporting highlights in September, Concordia enjoyed continued success in Term 4 of 2020, both on an individual and team level. We congratulate all of the students involved and look forward to many more sensational sporting moments in 2021!

Knockout Basketball

As knockout basketball competitions came to a close for 2020 in Term 4, Concordia's Year 8/9 girls and Year 10 boys were still in the race, with both teams playing in the finals. The Year 8/9 girls put in a valiant effort, and although the semi-final match did not go their way, they put in a fantastic effort and are commended for finishing in the top four teams statewide. Meanwhile, in a hard-fought victory, the Year 10 boys' basketball team finished their knockout competition as State Champions for the second consecutive year. A brilliant result!

Volleyball Victories

Our Senior A girls' volleyball team continued their winning form, playing well throughout the 2020 season and finishing the year by winning the IGSSA Shield for the third consecutive year. Our Middle A team also played brilliantly and tied for first place in their division. These are both fantastic achievements - well done to all involved!

SSSA Athletics Pennant

A Year 4-7 combined athletics team represented Concordia at the School Sport SA Adelaide South East Carnival early in Term 4, with many personal bests and podium finishes for the College. In addition to Concordia winning the Large School Pennant for the first time - an outstanding result - eight of our students earned a place in the district team at State Day thanks to their strong individual performances.

IGSSA Sportsperson of the Year

With a long and impressive list of sporting achievements, a willingness to assist younger players with their development and a track record as an outstanding role model for all students, Year 12 student Jessie Keech was a most deserving recipient of the IGSSA Sportsperson of the Year Award for 2020 from the Independent Girls' School Sports Association.

Jessie was selected in 2020 for U/18 National Softball representation at the 2020 World Cup and Co-captained the U/18 State Softball team. She also played A Grade softball for Sturt and was a member of Sturt's SANFLW team. Her Concordia sporting involvements include: A Grade Volleyball (Vice-captain), Netball player, Concordia Girls' Football (Captain), Basketball, Athletics.

The Concordia community congratulates Jessie on this incredible achievement. We thank her for all she did in service of our sports program during her time at the College and we wish her all the very best in her future sporting endeavours.



Sarah Davis

Reception Teacher, St John's Campus

Describe yourself in three words. Fun, kind, calm.

What motivates/inspires you in your role?

It is a privilege to be able to teach children in their first year at school. I am honoured with the responsibility to shape and guide new Concordians into compassionate, inquiring and community-minded people. The pure joy and excitement that Receptions demonstrate over daily moments is inspirational, as is our ability to grow and learn together.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

If I could have one superpower, I would like to not get tired!

Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests, and why?

Interestingly, my family are the people that came to mind. I would ask my fiancé, Ross, who cares for me and brings a smile to my face every day. I would ask my mother, Lyn, and father, David, who I do not get to see very often due to them living at Coonawarra in the Limestone Coast. We are a close family and I miss them daily. Evening meals were always an important time to connect with one another around the kitchen table. When I first moved out of home many years ago this was sorely missed. I would also ask my elder brother, Luke, and his wife, Charlotte, (who live in Largs Bay) and their 3-year-old son, Eli. It is a precious thing to be an aunty and I cherish any time that I spend with my little nephew.

Mick Phillips

Physical Education Teacher and Sports Coordinator, St John's Campus

Describe yourself in three words. Positive, active, caring.

What motivates/inspires you in your role?

I am motivated by seeing students experience success through sport and Physical Education. I am inspired by developing relationships and making connections with the whole school community to create an environment where students have the opportunity to thrive and be their best.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

I think teleportation would be a pretty awesome superpower to have.

Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests, and why?

I would invite Kelly Slater, Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods, Rodger Federer and Stephanie Gilmore because they are each arguably the greatest athlete of all time in their chosen sport. I would also want my wife Yasi to be there because amazing experiences are always better when shared with a loved one.



In Term 1, 2021, we introduced Learning Leaders to the Concordia Campus. Our Learning Leaders are highly skilled teachers and pedagogical leaders who collaboratively lead. They mentor and support professional programs based on the College's Unlocking Futures learning framework opportunities that prioritise the continuous growth and development of teaching staff in specific curriculum areas.

Emma Williams

Learning Leader – The Arts, Concordia Campus

Describe yourself in three words. Passionate, organised, loyal.

What motivates/inspires you in your role?

Working with young people to achieve things they never thought possible (like performing on stage!)

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

I am not really interested in obtaining a superpower – most of my friends call me Wonder Woman anyway.

Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests, and why?

I would invite Zac Efron, Hugh Jackman, Lin Manuel Miranda, John Farnham, Brené Brown and Jacinda Ardern as this would be a nice mix of inspiring creatives and leaders.

Daniel Wood

Learning Leader – Language, Literature and Societies, Concordia Campus

Describe yourself in three words. Learner, communicator, empath.

What motivates/inspires you in your role?

I am motivated by a love of learning and a love of people. I want to use my strengths to work with students, and with my colleagues, to enhance the learning culture at Concordia, so that we can have confidence that we are best preparing students for a prosperous future. As an English teacher, I am inspired by the opportunity to help students understand the world – and themselves – better through the study of texts.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

I am not sure if it is a superpower, but I would love to be able to learn other languages really quickly.

Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests, and why?

- + Hillary Clinton – I am deeply interested in politics and she would have plenty of fascinating (and horrifying) stories to tell!
- + Margaret Atwood – Her writing is so insightful and timely; I would love to hear her stories and pick her brain.
- + Lisa Alexander (Former Australian Netball Coach) – She is a high-performance expert who could share plenty of expertise about getting the best out of yourself and others.
- + Michael Parfitt – My (now deceased) high school German teacher. He inspired me to see teaching as a vocation and I deeply miss his wit and intelligence.
- + Frank Ocean – I love his music and his style. I would politely ask him to play a couple of tunes.
- + James Halliday – To provide advice on what wines we should be drinking with each course!

Nathan Shrowder

Learning Leader – Personal Development, Concordia Campus

Describe yourself in three words. Active, loyal, supportive.

What motivates/inspires you in your role?

I am inspired by watching creative and passionate educators engage their students with their learning. I am motivated by the relationships I develop with both staff and students.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

My superpower would be the ability to fly. I would love to soar gracefully and peacefully like an eagle. Having a 'bird's-eye view' of the world would change our perspective on many of life's challenges and obstacles.

Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests, and why?

- + Steve Waugh – There is so much pressure on the Captain of the Australian cricket team and I would love to speak to him about how he handled this throughout his career.
- + Denzel Washington – He is one of my favourite actors and he seems to be a very 'down to earth' kind of person. He would have some great stories to tell at the dinner table.
- + Hugh Jackman – He is a great actor with a great personality. I like the fact that he can sing, dance and act. Men like that make me jealous! He can do it all.
- + Shin Lim – I really enjoy card magic and Shin Lim is an amazing magician. He would keep us entertained all night.
- + Edgar Forge (my Grandad) – He passed away when I was in Year 11, but I would love to hear more about his life's adventures. So many people had so much respect for him and I didn't get a chance to experience that enough for myself as an adult.
- + Brian Jordan – He was my PE teacher in Year 11/12 and the relationship I was able to develop with him as a student was one of the reasons I moved into a career in Teaching. I would like to let him know how much of a positive influence he had on me at school.

Roz Crossing

Learning Leader – STEM, Concordia Campus

Describe yourself in three words. Dedicated, creative, private.

What motivates/inspires you in your role?

My current role inspires me because it is a privilege to work with others to improve our craft of teaching.

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

Well... I am not sure I really want one. Perhaps when I was a kid I wanted to fly.

Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests, and why?

- + Hypatia – She was a pioneer of her time – the leading Greek mathematician of her day.
- + Terry Pratchett – What an imagination he had!
- + Freddie Mercury – He embraced his talent, studied other experts and then bridged musical genres, producing extraordinary music.
- + My mother – She always inspires me, oh and she will keep my manners in check.
- + My husband – He will be good company.
- + Mother Teresa – She is selfless, dedicated, caring and has inspired me from an early age.



After a year of theatres being dark throughout the world, it was pure joy to be back at the Hopgood Theatre for our production of Beauty and the Beast. Knowing the devastating impact COVID-19 has had on the Arts community, we approached this performance with great caution and immense gratitude. Everything about the rehearsal and production process felt different and the team of students, staff and parents involved knew from the beginning that bringing this show to life would indeed be momentous.

Concordia last staged this production in 2007 and the much-loved Disney favourite has continued to be a hit around the world. The colourful characters and traditional musical theatre score helped create a memorable experience for the many Concordia families who witnessed it.

Staging a production of this scale is an enormous undertaking. As always, I am so grateful to the huge number of people who give their time and energy to support us. Most worthy of mentioning here, though, is Ms Bronwyn Elsegood for her incredible commitment to the role of Musical Director, and (of course) the wonderful cast of amazingly talented students, who remind me what a joy and privilege it is to be a Drama teacher!

Emma Williams
Director



Photos by Ben Wallis TICFIN



Undeterred by the necessary postponement of large events and the inability for audiences to visit the campus throughout much of the 2020 school year, our Music Department remained committed to providing meaningful performance opportunities for our talented Music students.



Outstanding ABODA Festival Results

Involvement in the Australian Band and Orchestra Directors' Association (ABODA) Festival took on a different form in 2020, with performances recorded and submitted for judging on video. Though we believe Music should not be a competitive pursuit, students enjoyed experiencing a sense of reward for their hard work and we were excited to achieve our best ABODA results to date, including winning the Bob Hower Memorial Award for Best Concert Band. A summary of our results can be found below. Congratulations to all involved!

- + SJC Concert Band, Directed by Mat Noble - Section Winner
- + CC Concert Band, Directed by Mat Noble - Section Winner
- + CC String Ensemble, Directed by Martin Butler - Section Winner (4th year in succession)
- + Orchestra, Directed by Martin Butler - Section Winner
- + Big Band 1, Directed by Adam Page - Gold Award
- + Big Band 2, Directed by Robin Finlay - Silver Award
- + Big Band 3, Directed by Tom Voss - Gold Award
- + Wind Ensemble, Directed by Angelo Valdivia - Bronze Award
- + Chamber Strings, Directed by Therese O'Brien - Silver Award
- + Percussion Ensemble, Directed by Nick Parnell - Silver Award
- + SJC Junior Strings, Directed by Karen De Nardi - Bronze Award

Concordia Music Showcase

In lieu of our traditional Concordia in Concert event, 26 ensembles comprising 182 students from Years 5 to 12 took part in approximately five days of recording to produce a video concert that could be streamed directly into the homes of audience members. The result was an of expression of joy through Music - a wonderful showcase of the incredible learning and commitment of our students who had been rehearsing since the beginning of Term 2.

This video event was made possible by the outstanding work and commitment of the Media Department, which was present in every step of its production. We trust it brought joy to all who watched it.

A Christmas Celebration

Late in Term 4, with Christmas almost upon us, we were delighted to share with all Concordia families a Christmas Celebration video. The production saw the Music and Media departments collaborating again, with assistance from Old Concordian and Creative Director of Click Films, Joel Polkinghorne (1999). The recorded Carols Service was led by Pastor Dale Gosden and featured seven of our bands, choirs and ensembles. A wonderful opportunity for families to experience the joy of Christmas at Concordia from the comfort of their homes!

Mat Noble
Director of Music

2020 was a special year for Concordia. As well as the Old Concordians recording 100 years of their alumni association, it was 130 years since our College began in 1890. To celebrate these milestones, and as a tribute to our rich history, we installed a historical gallery dating from 1890 to the present day in The Suaviter.

The Suaviter served as the College Chapel from 1927 to 1990 and since then has been utilised for reunions and events, parent dinners, year level meetings, many other functions and even wedding receptions. Assisted by generous donations from Old Concordians, we have created a space where students can learn about the important history of their school and where Old Concordians, families and visitors can view the fabulous new gallery while they attend events or College Tours.

We thank all who supported this project and hope the gallery will be enjoyed by many visitors to The Suaviter in the years to come.





From the President

We are happy to say that 2020 was another productive year for the Old Concordians' Association. This year saw the continued growth of our Old Concordians' Soccer, Cricket, and Pedal Prix clubs as well as the establishment of an Old Concordians' Association Netball Club. We also began implementing a "Graduate Transition Program", which aims to help recent Concordia graduates transition out of high school.

2021 represents a renewed opportunity for the Old Concordians' Association to build on our momentum from last year and continue engaging Old Concordians with the College in exciting and meaningful ways. This year we look forward to the establishment of a Volleyball Club for Old Concordians. Anyone interested should contact alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au.

As always, none of this would have been possible without the dedication and efforts of Old Concordians' Association committee members, our Alumni Manager Sue Spry, or the many committed Old Concordians helping to make these opportunities a reality.

We hope you enjoy the following pages.

Matt Bruening (2016)

Old Concordians' Association President

Peace Memorial Building Mural

In December 2020, Old Concordian and award-winning artist Dave Court (2009) began to transform the wall on the western side of the Peace building. We are very excited about the finished product. The walkway now greets students, visitors and friends of the College with a vibrant mural depicting elements of life at Concordia.

This is what Dave had to say about the mural:

'This mural contains a few different elements, the ribbon/banner contains the school motto and is drawn from the cover illustration on the first Brown and Gold magazine in 1924. Behind this, the wall is covered with colourful patterning, based on doodles in a 1971 school diary and drawings in the margins of workbooks.'

I was thinking about the history of the College as the things that are universal experiences but not necessarily a part of a curriculum, shared experiences that students had from 130 years ago up to now. This work is creating a connection and drawing a line between the shared lived experiences of students at the College throughout its history. Students have always drawn doodles and experimented with materials available – pens, highlighters and graph paper – to create drawings that feel very specific to the high school environment.'

Diary Dates

We look forward to our full program of reunions in 2021, including the rescheduled 100 (+1) Centenary Dinner celebrating 100 years of the Old Concordians. The full schedule of reunions and other events is below... see you at one or more of these this year!

Old Concordians' Canberra Reunion

Thursday 29 April 2021, 6-8pm

The Howling Moon – Rex Hotel Rooftop Bar, Canberra

Tickets: \$30pp // Drink on arrival and grazing table.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNCHR

Old Concordians' Sydney Reunion

Friday 30 April 2021, 6-8pm

Tilbury Hotel (Room 1) 12-18 Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo

Tickets: \$30pp // Cocktail menu and drink on arrival.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNDIU

Harmony in the Chapel & 70+ Reunion

Friday 7 May 2021, 1.30-2.30pm

Concordia College Chapel

Free Event // All Old Concordians who began at the College 70 or more years ago are invited to enjoy a concert from Concordia ensembles, and afternoon tea.

Bookings: Sue Spry – alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au or 8272 0444

Old Concordians' Centenary Dinner (+1)

Friday 4 June 2021, 7-9.30pm

The Suaviter, Concordia College

Tickets: \$40pp // All Old Concordians are invited to a three-course banquet with complimentary drink on arrival and entertainment to celebrate the 100 (+1) year anniversary of the Old Concordians' Association. BYO.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNLMM

Class of 1971, 50 Year Reunion

Friday 4 June 2021, 7-9.30pm

The Suaviter, Concordia College

Tickets: \$40pp // The Class of 1971 are invited to join the Centenary Dinner to celebrate your 50 Year Reunion. You will be seated together and enjoy a three-course banquet with complimentary drink on arrival. BYO.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNLKW

Class of 1981, 40 Year Reunion

Friday 4 June 2021, 7-9.30pm

The Suaviter, Concordia College

Tickets: \$40pp // The Class of 1981 are invited to join the Centenary Dinner to celebrate your 40 Year Reunion. You will be seated together and enjoy a three-course banquet with complimentary drink on arrival. BYO.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNLMK

Brown & Gold 60+ Lunch

Thursday 23 September 2021, 12 noon-3pm

The Suaviter, Concordia College

Tickets: \$25pp // All Old Concordians who started at Concordia in 1961 or prior are invited to attend a catered three-course lunch.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNLOR

Class of 1961, 60 Year Reunion

Thursday 23 September 2021, 12 noon-3pm

The Suaviter, Concordia College

Tickets: \$25pp // The Class of 1961 are invited to join the 60+ Brown & Gold Lunch with others who started at Concordia in 1961 or prior. Enjoy a catered three-course lunch and entertainment.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNLMT

Class of 1996, 25 Year Reunion Tour

Saturday 16 October 2021, 5.30-6.45pm

Concordia College

Tickets: \$25pp // A tour at the College will be followed by a reunion at The Edinburgh Hotel, High Street Mitcham at 7pm. Includes food and a drink on arrival.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BOBLN

Class of 2001, 20 Year Reunion

Friday 19 November 2021, 6-8pm

The Art Courtyard, Concordia College

Tickets: \$30pp, children free // Catered family event. Picnic style dinner and drinks.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNLQM

Class of 2011, 10 Year Reunion

Friday 26 November 2021, 6pm

Edinburgh Hotel, 7 High Street, Mitcham

Tickets: \$20pp // Garden cocktail party. Canapes and a drink on arrival provided.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNLQC

Class of 2016, 5 Year Reunion

Friday 3 December 2021, 6pm

Edinburgh Hotel, 7 High Street, Mitcham

Tickets: \$20pp // Garden cocktail party. Canapes and drink on arrival provided.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BNLPX

Partners welcome to all events.

For information regarding any of the reunions contact the Alumni Manager, Sue Spry alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au



Concordia is proud to be the educational home of many families who have had members here for several generations. We recently caught up with two of these families.

Q&A with Nick Kriewaldt (1982)

Old Concordian Nick Kriewaldt (1982) was the third generation of Kriewaldt boys to attend Concordia, and his son William is generation four!

What values are instilled in your family from your education at Concordia College?

There were many values instilled in me at Concordia, but faith would be the most prominent. Having regular Chapel services and devotions, as well as Christian Studies lessons, helped develop and nurture my faith, for which I am forever grateful.

Other values that I learned and were instilled in me were honour, loyalty, compassion and service. All these attributes were highly valued and encouraged at Concordia and permeated through every facet of the school.

What is your fondest (or funniest) memory of being at Concordia College?

There are many, but probably the strongest memories I have would be the amazing Concordia Musicals. I was in three musicals and was lucky enough to be a lead in two of them. They were incredible experiences and there was a wonderful bond amongst all the cast members - some of the friendships that I made during these times are still ongoing.

One of the funniest memories was during the musical Viva Mexico, where the fireproof curtains in the theatre ironically caught fire. In true musical tradition, the show still went on, as stage crew used fire extinguishers to put out the fire as we were belting out a song!

Why Concordia College for generations?

It means a lot to me that my family has been a part of Concordia College for over 100 years. My grandfather

attended Concordia way back in 1916, my father also attended, I started my schooling in 1982, and now my oldest son William is in Year 7 at Concordia this year. We could not be happier that he will continue with the tradition of the Kriewaldt family being associated with this amazing school.

I was very sad when my time at Concordia came to an end because to me this school was like a close-knit family. It was hard saying goodbye to a school that had become such a big part of my life.

What is different today at Concordia from when you were at school?

The main differences are the facilities, especially the impressive new buildings. When I attended Chapel at Concordia, this was held in The Suaviter. We had a small gym which is now the Drama Centre, and many of the buildings have been either upgraded or rebuilt. Concordia has amazing facilities and my son, William, is so fortunate that he will be able to experience them. One thing that has not changed, for which I am extremely grateful, is the courtyard area, which I believe is the nicest feature of Concordia, and is perhaps one of the prettiest surroundings and locations of any school in Australia.

Another aspect that has changed (for the better) is the school uniforms, both in design and use of colour. Back in my day brown and gold were the predominant colours, but thankfully they have added a lot of blue to the uniform. I think that the Concordia uniform looks very smart.

What are the links in your family history and generational years at Concordia College?

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| Grandfather | Emil Theodor Brenz Kriewaldt | 1915 |
| Father | Jonathan Brenz Kriewaldt | 1947 |
| Me | Nicholas Brenz Kriewaldt | 1982 |
| Son | William Brenz Kriewaldt | 2021 |



Q&A with Anthea Court (Schubert, 1978)

What is different today at Concordia from when you were at school?

There have been so many changes in buildings. It is wonderful to see the development and the repurposing of the 'old Chapel' and a value on history as well as moving to the future.

What is your fondest (or funniest) memory of being at Concordia College?

Annual school carnivals with camel rides. School camps, including Glen Bar Art Camp, Kangaroo Island Geography Camp and the Tasmania Ski Trip. I was in one of Mr Gerhardy's first classes at Concordia - it is amazing to think that he would teach my kids!

What values are instilled in your family from your education at Concordia College?

A value that was probably more reinforced from my education at Concordia is the importance of relationships.

Some of my best friends are still those that I went to school with. This week I spent the Super Bowl with my best friend from Concordia, her family and available children (many of whom went to Concordia).

The relationships that remain from those years are very special - those that are constant, occasional or only at reunion connections.

What are the links in your family history and the generational years at Concordia College?

I was at Concordia because my mum would have loved to have gone there. Due to the era and her gender, that wasn't an option. She wanted my brother and I to go to Concordia, so my parents prioritised to make it possible. When choosing a school for our children the opportunity for a good education on a foundation of Christian values was important: Firm in Principle, Gentle in Manner. It has provided them with a good foundation.





Sporting Groups

Netball

We have had a fantastic start to our first season of Old Concordians' Netball. Both teams have thoroughly enjoyed catching up with old school friends every week and being back on court together, like old times. Our youngest team, graduates from 2019, have made it into the A Grade finals, and we wish them all the best.

If Old Concordians' Netball interests you, please feel free to contact me at cbarnard@concordia.sa.edu.au to discuss upcoming teams for the 2021 Summer season.

Cricket

The Old Concordians' Cricket Club has had a highly successful season so far. At the time of writing, all three of our regular teams are currently sitting in finals positions in the top four of their division, putting us well placed towards finals in late March. This season we have been excited to welcome recent Old Concordians from the Class of 2020 - all of whom have contributed well to their teams. Additionally, Alex Powell (2018) and Jamie Morrison (2015) have joined the Club and performed well.

The Club would like to thank the Old Concordians' Association for supporting us in updating our uniforms after a recent change in

name. The new T20 and regular shirts look amazing!

During April, the Club will celebrate a 10 year reunion of an A Grade premiership and also present the Team of the Decade, both at our annual presentation night.

We welcome all new Old Concordians and friends to come and play. Trainings are at the Concordia cricket nets and oval. Our three teams cater for a wide range of abilities. For more information, contact the Club President, Tim Kupke, on 0400 017 580 or concordiacricket@hotmail.com. You can find our results at www.concordiacricket.com.au or find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ConcordiaCricket) to enjoy our highlights.

Pedal Prix

The Old Concordians' Association Racing Team has recently received the official racing dates for 2021 from the racing officials. This has brought a huge smile to the team after all races were cancelled in 2020.

Our first race will be in Mount Gambier on Saturday 27 March, so it's a busy time getting everything ready and doing lots of fitness training. Several new races will be

held at The Bend Motorsport in Tailem Bend, including a 12-hour race.

The team has already grown this year and includes some students from Class of 2020 and an Old Concordian who was riding for the College several years ago. This means we are now running a two-trike team at most of the races.

Some riding positions are still available, so if any Old Concordians would like to compete with this energetic team, please contact either Derek Harris on 0408 825 618 or Nelson Harris on 0422 147 154.

Soccer

The Old Concordians' Soccer Club is entering into its third season in 2021. Coming off the back of a very successful 2020 which saw the formation of a third team, promotion to Division 2 and winning Division 3b, 2021 is set to be an exciting year.

With the season expected to start in early April and pre-season already underway, now is a great time to get involved. Players of all abilities are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Club President Cameron Basnec (2015) at cbasnec@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

L-R: Declan White (2010), Thomas Pullman (2010), Tynan Barwick (2008), Dorian Otto (2005), Jake Otto-Williams (2010), Siobhan Otto-Williams (Barwick 2012), Emmeline Barwick (2012), Victoria Barwick (2019), Madeleine Baranik (2010), Amy Clark (2010).

L-R: Tom Oates, Heidi Miller (2010), Brodie Syrus (2010), Rachael Syrus (Tulloch, 2010), Dale Viney (2010), Tegan Syrus (2008), Mitch Curnow (2010). Not pictured: Katherine Morel (Tulloch 2005).

Engagements

Mostyn Hetzel (1967) and Helene Lockwood on 3 January 2020.

Weddings

Jake Otto-Williams (2010) and **Siobhan Otto-Williams (Barwick 2010)** on Saturday 21 December 2019 - former Concordia staff member Pastor Eugene Minge officiating.

Brodie Syrus (2010) and **Rachael Syrus (Tulloch 2010)** on Saturday 10 October 2020.

Births

1. **Nicola Marsh (2007)** and Spiro Papadopoulos, a daughter Ellie Rose Papadopoulos on 17 September 2020.

2. **Amelia Mylius-Clark (Spry 2009)** and Jesse Mylius-Clark a daughter Olive Ann on 15 March 2021.

3. **Emma Harman (2005)** and Jacob Redden a daughter Zoe Margot Redden on 18 February 2021.

In Memoriam

Concordia has learnt of the following deaths in our community. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of these Old Concordians.

Paech, Peter (1944) on 5 September 2019

Dron, Lois (Eckert 1946) on 6 July 2020

Drexel, Anna (2007) on 22 August 2020

Schurmann, Rex (1948) on 17 September 2020

Doecke, Cheryl (1963) on 4 October 2020

Wiebusch, Lynette (Farley 1954) on 30 November 2020

Twartz, John (1956) on 2 January 2021

Bence, Pauline (Gaden 1960) on 15 February 2021

Menzel, Albert (1951) on 17 February 2021

Bampton, Karen (Wegener 1975) on 8 March 2021





Class of 1960
60 Year Reunion



Class of 2015
5 Year Reunion



Class of 2010
10 Year Reunion

Reunions & Events

- Eyre Peninsula Reunion - Port Lincoln, Saturday 17 October 2020
- Class of 1980 - 40 Year Reunion, Friday 23 October 2020
- Class of 1960 - 60 Year Reunion, Saturday 24 October 2020
- Class of 1970 - 50 Year Reunion, Friday 30 October 2020
- Class of 2000 - 20 Year Reunion, Friday 6 November 2020
- Class of 2010 - 10 Year Reunion, Friday 20 November 2020
- Class of 2015 - 5 Year Reunion, Friday 4 December 2020
- Class of 2020 Welcome to the Old Concordians, Thursday 25 February 2021



Class of 1970
50 Year Reunion



Class of 1980
40 Year Reunion



Class of 2000
20 Year Reunion



Class of 2020
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