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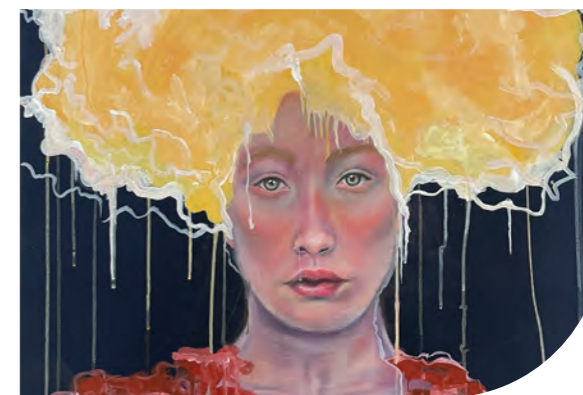
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From the Head of College

In 2020 the College Board reviewed our existing leadership structures, seeking a more coherent, streamlined structure that genuinely led and managed an amalgamated ELC-12 College. A Board Working Group designed the structure and tasked the existing College Leadership Team to implement the changes for the beginning of 2022.

The critical step in moving forward was entering the second amalgamation phase, unifying the existing St John's and Concordia campuses in 2022 into a single ELC-12 College entity.

The changes to the way the sub-schools were aligned were firmly focused on ensuring the strategic objectives of the College could be delivered. The Board was aware that it needed to work towards a genuinely operational ELC-12 College in order to achieve the strategic objectives.

The Concordia College Board's strategic direction has five pillars:

- + Lead in Learning
- + Promote Wellbeing
- + Strengthen Christian Identity
- + Secure Our Future
- + Connecting Community

Each pillar has strategic projects being developed and delivered on a continuum towards 2025.

Two strategic projects are already established as priorities:

- + Unlocking Futures – An innovative pedagogical framework designed to prepare students for the workplaces of the future.
- + Wellbeing – A comprehensive, research-based scope and sequence to build social and emotional skills which are targeted to age-appropriate needs.

Connecting our learning strategy and wellbeing strategy is a crucial driver for the College's future. The ongoing vision for our new structure is to provide a holistic learning and wellbeing experience for our students that enables them to develop the skills and mindsets that our Unlocking Futures and Wellbeing frameworks have been designed to achieve.

To make the amalgamation and College unification efficient, visible and practical, the Board identified ten roles and implemented the following ELC-12 leadership structure:

Head of College
Paul Weinert

Principal
ELC and Primary School
Michael Paech

Principal
Middle and Senior School
Dennis Mulherin

Director of Learning & Innovation
Paul Bannister

Director of Staff Administration
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Director of Business Operations
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College Pastor
Dale Gosden

Director of Community Relations
Jodie Escott

Director of Digital Resources
Tony Shillitoe

Director of Early Learning Centre
Kate Wood

The Head of College and two Principals form the College Executive team. The Head of College, Principals and Directors form the College ELC-12 Leadership Team.

The Board has charged me as Head of College, with this team, to deliver improved learning outcomes for students from ELC-12.

The new structure requires me to collaboratively lead and manage strategic projects across the ELC-12 environment, be actively involved with the ELC, Primary School, Middle School and Senior School, and be regularly present on each campus. Through this role I will drive, model and support all aspects of the College's Strategic Plan and culture.

Concordia College has a strong commitment to continuous improvement. This is informed by research, societal change and global change as well as input from staff, students and parents.

Through their experiences at the College, we want our students to engage in their lives and the future with optimism, confidence and enthusiasm. We believe that the new leadership model, which has also influenced a range of middle leadership positions at the ELC and Primary School and the Middle and Senior School, will continue the drive towards ensuring students are robust, lifelong learners who can adapt and change in an increasingly complex world.

Paul Weinert
Head of College



From the Principals

2022: Moving Forward with Hope and Confidence

Autumn is without a doubt my favourite season of the year in Adelaide. The delightfully mild, stable weather combined with the beautiful contrast of autumn colours lift my spirits.

Now that we are in this season of autumn, I look back at our start to the school year and reflect on all that has been. There is no doubt that it has been a very different, and at times a profoundly challenging start to our year. There have been many unexpected changes and numerous 'twists and turns'.

Despite the unusual start, throughout this first term I have been incredibly encouraged by the way that our community has banded together and moved forward with a real depth of spirit and character.

Our amazing students from ELC to Year 6 have, for the most part, coped with everything so well. Their ability to find the positives in each new day is quite inspiring. I have also been impressed by their display of resilience and flexibility in the context of the many changes they have faced.

Similarly, our amazing and talented staff have certainly 'dug deep' and worked together as a cohesive team over these past months to bring us to this point. Their commitment to our community and their care for students and each other has been outstanding.

Another important part of our community is our parents and carers, and I thank them all for their support and encouragement since the school year began.

For me, being part of our Concordia community provides a sense of security and grounding that generates confidence as we step into the future. Our community is also founded on a strong belief that God is with us and that he has our future in his hands. This hope and confidence about the future is something special and something for which we can be grateful.

As we step forward together into the remainder of the 2022 school year full of opportunities for learning, for strengthening friendships and connections, and for working together to achieve our goals, I look forward to serving alongside you in the months ahead.

Michael Paech
Principal
ELC and Primary School



Strength in Community

Community. It is an apt name for a biannual publication that looks to celebrate all that is good about Concordia College. Sylvia Hale, in *Controversies in Sociology* defines a community as "a sense of identity and belonging shared among people living in the same locality" (Hale, 2000).

Each and every day, over 1100 students and staff members come together at the Concordia Middle and Senior School with a sense of shared identity and belonging. They come together in community.

Members of a community rely on each other to both achieve shared goals and to navigate times of turmoil. Where both are evident, communities thrive. I have seen evidence of both in my first two months as a member of the Concordia community.

The start of the 2022 school year has seen significant changes for the Middle and Senior School. A new staffing structure focused on maximising support for every student and staff member, a staggered start on campus for students due to COVID-19 restrictions, close to 200 new

students and almost 30 new staff... all of these factors have simultaneously come together to challenge the school to smoothly and quickly adapt. Even with these changes, all the evidence would indicate that the community has thrived under the pressure to do so.

Our shared goal has not wavered. We seek to maximise the learning and wellbeing of every community member, every day. And we seek to do so consistent with our motto *Firm in Principle, Gentle in Manner*.

As we progress through this year, I am confident that the strength of the community, which includes the parents/ caregivers and extended families, will be the guiding light that keeps us focused on the goal, keeps us from losing our way, and keeps us grounded in the values that underpin our College motto.

Dennis Mulherin
Principal
Middle and Senior School



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Our Connected ELC to Year 12 Learning Community

At Concordia, we firmly believe that it is essential to design educational programmes that provide students with a broad range of learning opportunities.

This breadth of experiences empowers our young people to develop the knowledge, capabilities and dispositions that they will need to flourish in their worlds. It also assists students to discover and refine their own passions and strengths - one of the most powerful benefits of a quality education.

This approach stems from both our Lutheran faith and the IB programmes. It is also reflected through our College Vision: *inspiring and equipping hearts, hands and minds for a world of possibilities.*

As an ELC-12 College, we are in a privileged position. We can draw on the ideas, expertise, passions and resources that exist across the College, to connect teachers, students and facilities. This provides a diverse and unique range of learning experiences that enhances student outcomes. It also aids their connection and contribution to our College community.

Some examples of these experiences are shared below.

Co-curricular

- + Indigenous and non-Indigenous students from across the College worked with past Indigenous alumni, key staff and a local Kurna Elder to create a two-minute Acknowledgment of Country video. This experience helped students to develop greater understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.



STEM

- + Our ELC-12 Digital Technologies learning program for Primary School students develops skills in real-world contexts within robotics, programming and integrated systems.
- + Our Primary School students access specialised facilities at the Middle and Senior School, to further strengthen their STEM knowledge, skills and interests.
- + Reception to Year 12 students can extend scientific interests through participating in the Oliphant Science awards. This encourages collaboration as well as connection with other students and experienced Science teachers and leaders.

The Arts

- + Drama workshops involve students from the Primary, Middle and Senior School. They provide a variety of collaborative, engaging learning experiences, helping students of various ages to develop their performance, creative and communication skills.
- + Similar workshops also occur in the Media Department, where our unique resources and expertise provide extraordinary learning for all students.
- + A connected Music Performance program across the College enables students to engage in a variety of instrumental, concert and solo performance learning opportunities that deepen their passion for and knowledge of Music.

Literature & Language

- + Our German and Chinese learning program enables the understanding of these important languages across the Primary and Middle Schools. Middle School German students support Primary School students through the medium of Tiny Books – Mini-Bücher. Year 7s create a language 'lesson' and then use this to help the Primary School students create a product (the mini book) that showcases their language learning and understanding.
- + Our 'Reading Buddies' program, involving early and senior years students, helps build relationships, confidence and understanding.



Our College is committed to both expanding and deepening these types of learning experiences for students. It has never before been more important for our young people to develop their capabilities to learn from, and collaborate with, a diverse range of people, contexts and experiences. As they do so throughout their time at Concordia, we trust they will be inspired to creatively, compassionately and authentically engage with and serve others, making a positive difference to the world.

Paul Bannister
Director of Learning and Innovation

ELC and Primary School Highlights

The Andy Thomas Space Foundation and Makers Empire Pilot Program

Concordia College was excited to be part of a new pilot program developed by Makers Empire and the Andy Thomas Space Foundation. The program provided students and teachers from selected primary schools with a set of skills to support students' design and technology learning through 3D design and printing technology from Makers Empire.

For the culminating Showcase Day, our Receptions and Year 5s busily set up stalls at Lot Fourteen, sharing their space-themed projects with then Premier Steven Marshall, the Australian Space Agency and the other pilot program schools.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about space and to begin to consider one day pursuing a career pathway in the space industry.



Butterflies in the Early Learning Centre

"The wisest and noblest teacher is nature itself."
- Leonardo da Vinci

Our ELC students were blessed with the opportunity to explore life cycles by observing Monarch butterflies in Term 1 – a wonderful example of learning from nature. Seeing the tiny caterpillars hatch from their eggs, feed on leaves and then grow into large caterpillars that spun their way into amazing cocoons was awe inspiring. The highlight, of course, was the emergence of beautiful butterflies. We are now looking forward to the first ELC outdoor 'Bush Day' excursion for the year, where students are sure to find more amazing aspects of nature to discover, ask questions and learn about.



Year 3 Belair Camp

With a focus on encouragement, participation and communication, the Year 3 Camp at Nunyara in Belair was full of fun as students engaged in a range of challenges such as making shelters from different materials, climbing a 12m high tree, making and trialling their own billy cart tracks, and competing in water-based activities. It was an action-packed three days and it is fair to say students returned a bit tired from their adventures, but with many great memories as well.



Year 6 PYP Exhibition, Port Hughes Camp and Graduation

At their Primary Years Programme (PYP) Exhibition in Term 4 of 2021, the Year 6 students did an amazing job of sharing their learning around the central idea that 'Human actions and decisions in sharing our planet can impact the world' with staff, parents and fellow students. Drawing inspiration from the United Nations Global Sustainable Development Goals, students advocated for an issue related to one of the goals that resonated with them. Hours of research, personal inquiry, creative input developing displays and preparation to enable them to present with confidence were evident throughout the Exhibition.

Later, the Year 6 classes ventured to Port Hughes for their much-anticipated camp, having fun at the beach where there was plenty to do, including kayaking, rock pooling, fishing, snorkelling, beach games and getting soaked at the waterpark. It was an enjoyable time to celebrate friendships made and mark the end of their Primary School years.

To finish the year, students enjoyed dinner in The Suaviter with their teachers and key Primary School staff – a treasured time to reminisce on and celebrate their Primary School journey – before formally graduating from Primary School at our 2021 Closing Service.

Middle School Highlights

Year 7 Civics Week

With the Canberra trip unable to proceed in Term 4, the Year 7 teaching team devised a stimulating week of civics learning here in SA, with students visiting significant city sites and learning about different levels of government, famous landmarks and our legal system.

Students visited the old Adelaide Gaol, 'MOD.' (the Museum of Discovery), Adelaide Oval, the Adelaide Zoo and more, as well as taking part in a mock parliament and a mock trial back at the College – with real legal regalia!



“Civics week was a very fun experience, and we all learnt a lot. I loved spending time with my peers and talking to new people. I really liked the MOD museum and the Adelaide Gaol because I got to learn about the history of Adelaide and interact with the art. Overall it was a very fun alternative to Canberra and an amazing experience for us all.”

– Year 7 Student

Year 8 Connected Unley

Through a three-day Connected Unley program, our Year 8s engaged with and served the wider community in Term 4.

They began with an introduction to the Unley area by Major Reno Elms of The Salvation Army and members of the City of Unley Council: Laura De Bono (Youth Officer), Matthew Ives (Cultural Development Coordinator) and Jared Wilson (Unley Architect). Students then visited the Unley Museum and the Soldiers' Memorial and participated in role plays exploring moral dilemmas.

Next, students served the local community at various venues, including:

- + Fern Avenue Community Garden
- + Rosefield Uniting Church
- + St. Chad's Anglican Church
- + The Salvation Army
- + St John's Lutheran Church
- + Waite Arboretum
- + Concordia Community Gardens and the Drama Centre

Finally, students showcased their involvement in the community, developing informative videos and sharing these with their Home Class.



Year 10 Riverland Camp

The Year 10 outdoor experience camp to the Riverland in Term 4 was a new addition to our year level camp program in 2021, and it was fantastic to see students embracing the opportunity to participate in a range of outdoor activities. With students based at Roonka Water Activity Centre near Blanchetown and Ankara Youth Camp near Walker Flat, activities included an overnight kayaking expedition, raft making, problem solving games, a tour of Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Site at Nildottie and exploring Punyelroo Cave near Swan Reach. Students also swam in the river and involved themselves in games of cricket, card games, board games, evening walks and camp challenges.

The weather was perfect, students were enthusiastic, and staff enjoyed the time away from the classroom, working with students in a more informal setting. It was also wonderful to see students getting to know their peers and broadening friendship groups through the camp.

Overall, the Year 10 Camp was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved – and the food was great too!



Concordia - The Rite Journey 'Calling Ceremony'

As the Year 9s sat at The Bluff, silently watching the sun rise with Amazing Grace being played and staff sharing the values they believed were essential for adulthood, a sense of occasion was in the air. This first significant Concordia – The Rite Journey event for 2022 - The Calling Ceremony - provided a chance for students to build relationships within their class and for each student to focus on celebrating their childhood and looking ahead to the adult they want to become. Concordia – The Rite Journey is designed as a rite of passage from adolescence to adulthood and provides the students with a sense of challenge, initiation, adventure, direction and guidance throughout a time of life that can be difficult to navigate.

During the day, groups completed a range of checkpoints, with each checkpoint presenting a particular challenge. As the students completed the walk from The Bluff to Victor Harbor, a great sense of camaraderie and achievement was evident.

Thank you to the Home Class teachers and support staff for making The Calling Ceremony such a special occasion. Thanks also to Jude, Aidan, Rafael and Ruben for playing Amazing Grace at sunrise.



Senior School Highlights

Year 11 Industry and Entrepreneurial Solutions

Reaping the benefits of a newly developed program in 2021, centred around product design and entrepreneurship, Year 11 Industry and Entrepreneurial students worked to identify real-world design problems and develop innovative solutions, with some wonderful results! Utilising industry skills including research, advanced CAD modelling and rapid manufacturing using 3D printing and laser cutting, students developed working prototypes of their products, which showcased their creative and technical talents. Finally, students had an incredible opportunity to pitch their ideas and products to a panel of industry experts in Term 4. In turn, they received valuable feedback on ways to connect their prototypes with possible improvements as well as opportunities for marketing and manufacturing.

A huge thank you to our visiting industry professionals Ben Campbell – Director, Business and Executive Coach from The Self-Made Theory, Paul Van de Loo – Technical Director of Applidyne, and Karl Mortimer – Director of GADAC Plastics, for sharing their expertise with our students.



Year 12 Valedictory Service and Student Dinner

On Wednesday 20 October, we commemorated the formal graduation of our Year 12s at the 2021 Valedictory Service.

We congratulated a number of students whose passion, dedication, leadership and willingness to serve were recognised with Valedictory Service Awards.

Retiring Head of Middle School, Mrs Briony Carman, delivered the Valedictory Address, reminding students to establish their values and hold tight to them in the months and years ahead.

Following the exam period, the final farewell event – the Year 12 Student Dinner – saw students enjoying a fantastic evening in the stunning Pavilion in the Quad while parents gathered at Damien on Fisher. We wish the Class of 2021 all the best for the future and look forward to staying in touch with them as Old Concordians.



Student Leadership 2022: Preparing to Serve

Our 2022 Student Leaders met and reflected on the importance of servant leadership on Monday 31 January, just prior to the start of the school year. Pastor Dale facilitated a session focusing on the Lutheran foundation of the College and then the Student Leaders participated in games and activities aimed at exploring group dynamics. They also had the chance to do some planning for the year ahead.

Later in the day, Paul Weinert, Head of College, assisted Daniel Wood, Senior School Leader, with a presentation of Student Leader blazers complete with new patches marking their roles in 2022.

House Captains and Deputy House Captains were presented with their blazer patches and badges at an Assembly in the lead up to Sports Day. Daniel Wood spoke about the value of student leadership and the important role of House Captains in the development of College culture before Paul Weinert and Will Mead made the presentation to the students.



International Women's Day Breakfast

On Friday 11 March, our Senior School Leader, Daniel Wood, hosted a breakfast to celebrate and commemorate International Women's Day, which occurs globally on Tuesday 8 March. This event was held in The Suaviter with Student Leaders, Year 10 student leaders and other Year 12 students in attendance, along with the Head of College and female leaders from the Primary School and Middle and Senior School. Guests watched a livestream of the International Women's Day event hosted in Adelaide by Senator Penny Wong, who interviewed 2021 Australian of the Year, Grace Tame. Many thanks to our CC Café for providing a delicious breakfast for this special event.



Building for our Future Concordians

Redevelopment 2022

From 2021 to the beginning of the 2023 school year, significant construction projects at Concordia College are underway which will 'future proof' our physical facilities in preparation for the years ahead. Specifically, the redevelopments and new buildings will cater for:

- ✦ increased enrolment capacity in our Early Learning Centre with an expanded facility accommodating students aged three and four
- ✦ triple streaming of Primary School year levels starting with Reception and Years 4-6 in 2023
- ✦ greater resourcing for Physical Education classes and the College's thriving extra-curricular sports program thanks to the construction of a new ELC-12 Gymnasium.

Work by Sarah Constructions is well underway on both projects, with the Primary School redevelopment beginning to take shape.

A huge lift shaft and stairwell highlights the size and scope of the new Resource Centre and Years 3-6 building. Over the coming months, the shape and extent of this impressive addition to our Primary School will be evident. Architects have worked on ensuring that the connection with nature remains as the building nestles in amongst the large gum trees.

The Primary School Hall is being transformed into a purpose-built ELC with a dedicated entry for our youngest students. A key feature of this transformation will be the large central void providing huge amounts of light to the entry foyer.

The College has worked with landscape architects to develop and transform appropriate outdoor areas into exciting, fun nature play spaces.

The ELC and three-storey building are due to be finished in the middle of Term 3, enabling students to move into these new areas. Subsequently, work on the Primary School multipurpose basketball court and associated learning areas will be completed.

It is anticipated that the redeveloped Primary School will reach full triple-streamed enrolment in 2027. Coupled with the Middle and Senior School – this will be a record for Concordia College, making it one of the largest independent Colleges in South Australia.



1952 St John's Opening

Concordia Gymnasium

Demolition of Highgate Lodge commenced in Term 1 of 2022, to make way for the new College Gymnasium. We are expecting the first slab to be poured in mid-July 2022. This exciting development is due for completion at the end of March 2023.

Bespoke Legacy Artwork

A bespoke permanent artwork created by Silvana Angelakis, a leading South Australian artist, will be displayed in the foyer to the new Primary School Multipurpose Hall. Families, Old Concordians, businesses and friends of Concordia have the opportunity to support this project with a tax-deductible donation of \$2,500 or more and have their name included on this artwork.

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Easter: First Things First

I wonder what comes first in your morning routine or is at least at the top of your priorities? Coffee or tea to start, right? First things first. Put on some music or listen to the news report? First things first. Only then do we deal with the *next* most important thing, such as attending to the kids' lunches, or figuring out what to wear. First things first, then everything else. Many people probably check an email or a social media account somewhere in there too.

We might have a similar order for things when it's time to eat dinner or time to relax. We set things out and make sure everything else is put to the side until the

most crucial things take place, like setting the table, pouring the drinks or keeping the food hot. First things first.

For Christians, the first things of the faith are the most important aspects of the faith. They give context and meaning to everything else we believe. The *first things* of the Christian faith are things that we have recently celebrated on Good Friday and Easter Sunday: that Jesus died for our sins, then rose again, and that his resurrection was witnessed by large numbers of people. These events have changed *everything*. The Apostle Paul wrote about it like this in **1 Corinthians 15:3-6**

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

We have spent the season of Lent walking with Jesus on his journey to the cross, where he offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins. Importantly, his death only has any value and meaning if he conquered death by rising again, otherwise he is just another martyr, another good person taken away too soon.

The central teaching of the Christian faith is that Jesus is *alive*. He was dead, but he is risen, and he offers eternal life to all who believe in him, so that we can know that death will not be our final destination. This is what gives us hope and peace and joy, even amidst the difficulties and uncertainties of life.

These are the first things at Concordia, the things that *always* come first. They help us to live with freedom and confidence, knowing our lives are in the hands of Jesus, the One who has defeated death.

Dale Gosden
College Pastor



Service Learning

Service Learning is an important component of College life here at Concordia. During COVID-19, we have had many disruptions, and this has affected some of our long-term service projects.

Events including *Habitat for Humanity*, *Football Outreach Vanuatu* and the *40 Hour Famine* have not been able to occur for the past few years. This has challenged us to think differently and perhaps more locally and simply in how we engage in service opportunities. For example, in Term 4 over the last few years, we have focused on supporting *Lutheran Care* (formerly Lutheran Community Care) by providing Christmas Hampers for needy families in South Australia. Concordia students and families donated amazing amounts of special Christmas treats and basic pantry items.

In 2022, we have started a new project partnering with *The Mustard Seed Family Project*, a small hospitality business that also looks after disadvantaged people in Adelaide. Concordia has committed to donate all proceeds from every 10c recyclable

container we can find. Both of these service projects have been instigated by students and supported by staff who have been moved to action from classroom studies and discussions.

It is exciting to see students noticing injustices and the needs of the world around them and taking initiative to serve. In particular, Year 7 and 8 teachers Mrs Thomas, Miss Hogan and Ms Martin have been pivotal in enabling students to take effective action. These projects sit alongside many others we support here at Concordia, including Australian Lutheran World Service, World Vision, The Salvation Army, the Collective of St Mary Magdalene Drop-in Centre and Zaidi Ya Dreams.

We are grateful for parents and families who support and encourage students to get involved in these projects and model attitudes of service in their homes.

Mark Rathjen
College Chaplain



Heritage Centre

Our Proud Sporting History

Sport has been an important part of Concordia and the lives of our students for over a century. Many have gone on to representation at higher levels, and many more continued on at a community level, or still meet regularly to play sport in one of the Old Concordians' sports teams.

We hope you enjoy this 'snapshot' of some of the history of sport at Concordia.

1905
1919

- 1905: After moving from Murtoa in Victoria to its current location, Concordia began competing in inter-college cricket, football and tennis.
- 1909: Gymnastics was introduced.



1905: Tennis



1907: Football



1913: Cricket



1914: Tennis Game in the Quadrangle

1920s

- 1924: Concordia joined the Metropolitan Tennis Association as a foundation member and was runner-up.
- 1926: The long-awaited new gymnasium was opened. The gymnastics program included running, breathing, exercises, swinging on the high rings, and using other equipment such as the uneven bars, trapeze and vault. The human pyramid was a feature of the program.



1926: Gymnastics Display at the Gym Opening

- 1927: The first 19 girls started at Concordia and formed a girls' basketball team (now known as netball).
- 1928: The football team and cricket team were premiers in the inter-college competitions.



1922: Football



1923: Tennis Players

1930s

The Concordia Amateur Athletic Club was formed in the 1930s, marking the "birth of athletics" at Concordia.

- 1931: Concordia entered the SA Athletics Championships in 1931, and over the next decade produced many record-breaking champions.
- 1934: The athletics team won the A Grade premiership in the SA Inter-Club competition.



1930s: Athletics

- 1936: The cricket team were undefeated season premiers.
- 1937-1938: The First XVIII were undefeated premiers of the Students Football Association.



1931: Football



1937: Girls' Basketball

1940s

The House system began in the 1940s with the creation of just two houses, **Brown** and **Gold**.

- 1941: The girls' A Grade basketball team won all matches including the finals.
- 1943: The girls' A Grade basketball team again finished as premiers. Keith Nagel won the Gosse Medal for Best and Fairest in the Students Football Association, a great honour.
- 1944: The boys' A Grade tennis team completed the season of fourteen matches as undefeated premiers and tied with Prince Alfred College as premiers twice in the next four years.



1940s: A, B and C Basketball

- 1941: The oval was properly turfed for the first time.
- 1949: Martin Borgas won the prestigious Gosse Medal for Best and Fairest in the Students Football Association.



1942: Cricket Team



1945: A Grade Football



1949: Intercollegiate Athletics

1950s

During the 1950s the gymnastics team won many championships and awards. Neville Kriewaldt and Ian Kleing were the only two Concordians to be awarded all four Concordia 'blues', prestigious awards for excelling in athletics, football, tennis and cricket.

- 1952: Concordia participated in the inter-school chess championships and won the final against Norwood High School.
- 1953: The baseball team won the Minor D league premiership.
- 1953: The first athletics competition between Concordia and Immanuel took place, and a girls' softball team was entered in the metropolitan league.



1950s: Girls' Basketball



1956: Football



1958: Girls' Tennis



Four Blues on Neville Kriewaldt's Blazer Pocket



1951: Gymnastics

1960s



1965: Sports Day

- 1960: Ken Bartel won both the Junior and Senior 880 yards races at the combined schools athletics meeting on Adelaide Oval. Swimming instruction was arranged for first year students at the Norwood pool.
- 1962: Thanks to the increased number of students and the interest in intra-school contests, a new 'Blue' House was created. The three Houses were **Brown, Gold and Blue**.
- 1966: The first interstate trip for sporting activities was organised with Luther College in Melbourne.



1961: Softball



1962: Tennis



1962: First XI Cricket

1970s

- 1970: A new Athletics Club was formed and competed for the Independent Schools Athletic Shield. The Gymnastics Club was formed and Saturday morning classes were held in the gym.
- 1971: The term 'netball' replaced 'girls' basketball'.
- 1973: A true girls' basketball team was started.
- 1976: The first Concordia soccer team competed in school competitions.



1970: Boys' Athletics



1970: Girls' Tennis



1973: Girls' Gymnastics



1971: Basketball



1970: Hockey

1980s

The House system changed from three to four Houses - **Cheltenham, Highgate, Malvern and Winchester**.

- 1980: Concordia won both the boys' and girls' shields in tennis.
- 1983: New tennis courts on Winchester Street were officially opened and the boys' Senior basketball team were undefeated.
- 1984: Concordia won an inter-school bowling competition at Cross Road Bowl.



1985: U15 Basketball



1980: Cricket



1980: Senior Gold House



1982: Senior Softball

1990s

- 1992: Concordia entered a football team in the Independent Schools Competition.
- 1995: Volleyball and rowing were offered at Concordia for the first time.
- 1996: The inaugural girls' soccer team was formed.
- 1998: The Open mixed volleyball team made the SASSSA finals.
- 1999: Four hundred community members witnessed the opening and dedication of the new Sports and Recreation Centre.



1999: Sports & Recreation Centre Opening



1992: Pedal Prix Team



1993: Junior Softball



1995: Year 10 Basketball



1999: Mixed Volleyball

2000s

- Soccer continued to grow across the early 2000s, becoming the number one sport for boys by the end of the decade.
- 2000: Girls' basketball and aerobics continued to grow in popularity, and one of the three Concordia aerobics teams reached the national finals. The first cross country team was entered into the Independent Schools Competition.
- 2002: Wrestling was offered as an alternative sport and several students went on to win national titles.

2003: The newly developed oval and eight tennis courts, at the now closed end of Cheltenham Street, were opened during the annual Twilight Tea.



2009: Open Boys' Tennis



2003: New Tennis Courts



2000: Aerobics Team



2000: Year 8/9 Girls' Soccer



2003: Open Netball Team

2010
2020s

- 2010: Concordia had five very competitive Pedal Prix teams in the schools' competition.
- 2011: 10 Year 12 girls formed a touch football team and went on to easily win the grand final.
- 2012: The inaugural Football Outreach Vanuatu service-learning trip was a great success. In beach volleyball, the Concordia team won their third grand final in a row.
- 2013: The Open boys' basketball team won their fifth championship in a row, collecting a fifth state title.
- 2016: The mixed hockey team were state champions and the First XVIII football team won the grand final.



2013: Pedal Prix

- 2017: The First XVIII football team finished as back-to-back premiers and the sailing team won the Chairman's Award at the SA Secondary Schools Team Sailing State Regatta.
- 2020s: Along with student numbers, sport at Concordia has continued to grow and develop. We are looking forward to the new ELC-12, two-court gymnasium on Cheltenham Street, to be completed in 2023. ELC to Year 6 students will also have a new indoor sports court as part of the comprehensive Primary School redevelopment currently in progress.



2010: Girls' Football

Primary School Sports Day

With a brand new shield this year, it was anyone's guess as to which team would be the first to make their mark on a new page of Primary School Sports Day history. The year level tents were awash with green, blue, gold and red as students sat ready for the day's events to begin. The team raps once again provided a chance for one House to take a slight lead early in the day. Receiving half a point more for their rap than the other Houses from ELC and Primary School Principal, Michael Paech, Winchester was off to a great start and didn't look back.

A new program this year saw students heading straight into tabloid events. Spectators watched on as students moved around the oval in class groups, earning points for their House in long jump, high jump, shot put, bean bag throw, egg and spoon race, launch board relay, sack race and more.

As we approached the announcement of the final scores, the closing relay events saw the runners giving their all in front of an energetic crowd. In the end, we congratulated Winchester on winning this year's Primary School Sports Day – a vibrant celebration of friendship, fitness and fun!

Final Results:

Winchester - 1117 | Highgate - 1071
Cheltenham - 1057 | Malvern - 1028



Middle & Senior School Sports Day

The Middle and Senior School Sports Day is always a vibrant, fun-filled competition with plenty of opportunities for students to get involved, whether aiming for first place or simply having a go to support their team, and this year was no exception! The essence of the event – enjoyment through competition, excellent athletic performances, and grit and determination from competitors giving their best no matter the result – were all evident throughout the day.

A total of eight new records were set this year. Among them were a new Under 15 Boys 100m record of 11.3s and a Long Jump record of 6.22m, both achieved by Ronan from Year 9, which surpassed the previous records set over 30 years ago in 1986 and 1989 respectively.

We commend all students who participated across the day and congratulate our Age Level Champions on their achievements at Sports Day 2022.

In the end, Winchester finished in first place, winners of the Bartel Cup at Sports Day 2022. The competition now continues with lunchtime House Sport in Terms 2 and 3.



Final Results:

Winchester	2557
Malvern	2348
Highgate	2254
Cheltenham	1794



Sports Highlights

We have had a number of opportunities to celebrate sporting excellence in recent months. Here are some of the sports highlights from Term 4 of 2021 and Term 1 of 2022.

Volleyball

Our Senior B girls' volleyball team finished the 2021 volleyball season as winners of the IGSSA premiership and our Middle A team also experienced success, winning their final 3-0.

Concordia was also represented strongly at the Volleyball SA Schools Smash Competition where our Middle A and Senior A girls' teams both won gold and our boys finished in third place.

Pedal Prix

Three student teams represented the College at Round 1 of the 2022 Australian International Pedal Prix series in Mount Gambier in March. Our all-female Middle School team, Shockwave, and our two Senior School teams Concorde and Veloci handled the challenging 2.4km track well, recording consistent lap times across the eight-hour race. In the end, we walked away with top ten finishes for each of our teams and a total of 317 laps completed by our riders – a great result!

Basketball

Our Middle A girls' basketball team finished their 2021 season as runners-up in a very close grand final match.

Mountain Biking

A team of Year 7 boys entered the School Sport SA mountain biking race in Term 4, competing in the U15 division. Although they were competing against many older riders, the boys did a fantastic job and finished fourth out of 80 teams.

Girls' Cricket

Towards the end of Term 1, our Year 5/6 girls' cricket team advanced to the next round of the School Sport SA state-wide T20 cricket competition, defeating their opposition 2/108 to 6/52.

Parents & Friends

Connecting, Serving and Growing our College Community

Each year, in addition to being involved in a variety of events, the Concordia P&F supports projects and activities that aim to further the wellbeing of the student and/or parent body. Projects the P&F were proud to support in 2021 were as follows:

- + **The Atrium Study Space Furniture Refit**
Contributing to transforming the Atrium's Year 12 study area into a casual multipurpose space intended to inspire creativity and collaboration.
- + **Concordia College Community Garden Resourcing**
Provided tools, pots and more, thereby allowing students, teachers and other community members to be involved with garden upkeep.
- + **Primary School LEGO® for Activities**
Purchased additional LEGO® for student use at lunchtimes and during class activities. This also provides an accessible activity for those not wishing to play on the playground or oval.
- + **Outdoor Wood Oven/Pizza Oven**
Provided funding for the Food Design Department to purchase a portable wood oven for use in Food and Hospitality classes and at College events.
- + **Media Studio Lighting and Audio-Visual display**
Funded a fixed studio backlight for Photography classes to use and a large television screen to showcase student work.
- + **Sailing Team Smocks and Flotation Devices**
Funded the purchase of new personal flotation devices and jackets for the College sailing team.
- + **ELC and Primary School Creative Play Storage**
Purchased moveable storage units for creative play equipment in the Courtyard, which have proven particularly useful on wet weather days.

The P&F are proud to work alongside the College to enhance the school life of the student body by raising funds for equipment and to provide opportunities otherwise unavailable through school budget allocations.

In 2022, the P&F will fund:

- + a donation to the ELC and Primary School Redevelopment legacy artwork
- + painted play areas and visiting performers in the ELC and Primary School
- + a Resource Centre refurbishment
- + a new camera for the Community Relations Office
- + a portable electronic scoreboard that will be installed as part of the new gymnasium project.

Angela Warrick
Engagement and Events Manager



Music Highlights

Kaboom Percussion Visit

Late in Term 3, our Primary School students were delighted to witness an entertaining performance by Kaboom Percussion. Their upbeat musical compositions, using a range of percussion instruments, required some energetic audience participation and were a wonderful source of musical inspiration for our students.

Classical Guitar Concert with Manus Noble

We are indeed blessed to have the world-renowned classical guitarist Manus Noble as one of our instrumental tutors here at Concordia. In early December 2021, Manus organised a concert in the Chapel as a performance opportunity for his students. It was a delightful evening of classical guitar music with one of the highlights being a performance by Manus himself. This was truly inspirational!

Year 9 Special Interest Music Tour

In Term 4, our Year 9 Special Interest Music (SIM) class performed three concerts during a mini tour of selected primary schools. We started in our Chapel with 200 of our Primary School students joining us to be entertained. We then moved to Mitcham Primary and finished at St Michael's Lutheran Primary in Hahndorf. The Year 9s organised and rehearsed instrumental demonstrations as well as performing selected pieces from their extensive repertoire.



'The Barber of Seville' Excursion

On the evening of Friday 5 November 2021, all students undertaking vocal tuition at Concordia were invited to the State Opera's dress rehearsal of Gioachino Rossini's 'The Barber of Seville', performed at the newly refurbished Her Majesty's Theatre. Amongst the cast were two of our own wonderful singing teachers, Teresa Le Rocca and Andy Turner. It was a spectacular night at the opera.

ELC Celebration of Song

Our ELC children were excited to perform songs they had learnt throughout the year during a special concert for their families in Term 4. The Concordia Chapel provided a beautiful setting for the children to share their gift of song, finishing with some favourite Christmas carols and plenty of Christmas cheer!

2021 Carols Service

A beautiful selection of carols - with the addition of musical features from our choirs, Concert Band, String Ensemble and the sensational Manus Noble - was an end-of-year highlight as we celebrated Concordia's Carols Service in the Chapel. Hearing the true message of Christ's birth through word and song was a wonderful celebration of the Advent season.



Concordia College's production of

LIONEL BART'S

Oliver!

COST Adults \$45 / Concession \$37.50
DATE Sunday 12 to Tuesday 14 June
VENUE Hopgood Theatre Noarlunga Centre



Tickets



Book, Music & Lyrics by
Lionel Bart

Orchestral arrangements by William David Brohn

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia). All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

Staff Profiles



Sarah Dienes

Year 3 Teacher

+ Describe yourself in three words.

Kind, silly, enthusiastic.

+ What motivates/inspires you in your role?

The students. When I spend time with them, their joy and laughter inspire me to be more playful and to find the joy in life. When they have little “aha” moments, where the work just clicks, it inspires me to keep working hard. When I see them trying so hard but not quite getting it, it inspires me to learn a new way of teaching it.

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

Invisibility... or the ability to freeze time, so that I am outside of time. As a teacher, this would be amazing!

+ What, from 2022, do you think people are likely to be most nostalgic for 50 years from now?

Petrol cars! They will be few and far between by 2072!



Matthew Tohill

Year 6 Teacher

+ Describe yourself in three words.

Open-minded, optimistic, reflective.

+ What motivates/inspires you in your role?

Seeing a student's confidence grow and knowing that I helped.

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

Flying - petrol's expensive!

+ What do you think you would say to the world if you were able to have everyone's attention for 30 seconds?

If we could give everyone in the world an equal opportunity to become globally minded lifelong learners, imagine what we could achieve and who we would become.



Maggie Gu

Chinese Language
Program Coordinator

+ Describe yourself in three words.

Generous, well-travelled, compassionate.

+ What motivates/inspires you in your role?

Being an educator motivates me to constantly learn and reflect, and to keep up with the evolving world of education.

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

I would like to have the superpower to stop conflicts/wars in any shape or form, so people can have the opportunity to develop their talents and interests as individuals. It would make life more meaningful to everyone in the world.

+ If you were asked to describe your job to a young child, what would you say?

I help young people to understand who they are as learners, how to learn better and finally, learn how to love themselves and to be compassionate to others.



Ben Crook

Year 9 Leader and
Physical Education Teacher

+ Describe yourself in three words.

Compassionate, diligent, relational.

+ What motivates/inspires you in your role?

As a Physical Education teacher, I am inspired by having the opportunity to motivate students to be physically active and to enjoy nature in the process. As the Year 9 Leader, supporting students to navigate a time of life that can be tricky and watching them build resilience throughout the year inspires me.

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

My superpower would be being able to fly. I think I may have watched Superman too many times in my youth but it has always fascinated me and I would love to be able to do it.

+ If you could choose to put a \$10 million contribution towards solving a problem facing our world in 2022, what issue would you choose and how would you spend the money?

We have a 'movement crisis' in our world currently where children and adults are not getting enough physical activity and it is impacting significantly on our physical and mental health. I would want to create more accessibility for riding and walking paths within the CBD and also create more walking and riding trails designed for children to access nature walks and rides. I think I might need more than \$10 million!



Lloyd Oppelaar

Futures Coordinator and
Business Innovation Teacher

+ Describe yourself in three words.

Interested, caring, thoughtful.

+ What motivates/inspires you in your role?

I love all things business, entrepreneurship, economics, technology and investing! I truly believe that business, entrepreneurship and technology shape the future. I hope to pass on to my students how the world works and to inspire some of them to engage in entrepreneurship and investing.

In my role, I hope to provide assistance and guidance around students' future possibilities and how they can positively impact the world. De-stressing and depressurising the Year 12 experience is important, without the need to 'know what I want to do and be'. It is critical that they work out *who* they want to be, be brave enough to try new things and change things if they need to. They have their whole life ahead of them and being brave to learn, explore, try things and work hard is the key.

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

This might seem like a weird answer but it would be to always know what to do in any situation to drive the optimum outcome for myself and the people I care about. The quality (and complexity) of our life often arises from the strength and health of our relationships. This superpower would be such an advantage to living a truly awesome life.

+ If you could have two items with you while shipwrecked on a desert island, in addition to food and water, what would they be?

In answering this question, I will assume that I cannot ask for a boat or anything of that nature that would help me escape. As I have food and water already:

- + A high-quality shelter/tent for shade from the sun & rain
- + A gas torch to light a fire

It will be warm, dry and shady!

Old Concordians' Association

From the Alumni Manager

Greetings from the Old Concordians' Association Committee, an energetic and committed group representing over 8,000 Old Concordians living in Australia and around the world.

During 2021 we ran a full program of Old Concordians' reunions and events. It was great to see so many Old Concordians enjoying the chance to catch up, thanks to some quick venue changes and a bit of rescheduling. This year we are hoping to be able to deliver the full reunion schedule listed at the end of these pages and are excited to include reunions in the Barossa, Melbourne and Brisbane. We encourage Old Concordians and their partners, teachers, past teachers and friends of Concordia to join us.

Our students always enjoy meeting Old Concordians, and it was an honour to have Richard Eckermann, Class of 1961 and Vietnam veteran, as our special guest to give the

reading in Chapel at the Remembrance Day Service on 11 November 2021. While visiting the College for the Remembrance Day Service, Richard also took the opportunity to view the new Old Concordians' Association war service honour board in The Suaviter.

Once again the Old Concordians' sports groups had very successful seasons and we were pleased to add a volleyball and a basketball club to the list. We thank the organisers for the great job they do and the service they provide to our Old Concordians.

We hope you enjoy reading the following Old Concordians' Association pages and encourage you to get in touch via email alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au to share any news, stories, events or updates.

Sue Spry
Alumni Manager



Generations of Concordians – Robert Hamann

Early in February 2022, my wife, Marie, and I paid a visit to Concordia and remembered our time there. We saw the many and splendid changes to the campus, visited The Suaviter (old Chapel) where I was baptised in 1945, looked out onto the enlarged oval, and looked up to St John's Lutheran School where the three Hamann boys were foundation pupils in 1952. The Concordia campus is amazingly different, and yet there are many aspects that provide memories. I remember living in the Cheltenham Street Headmaster's residence for two years while my father was studying in the USA. Marie remembers the 'crocodile' line of girl boarders, walking four times a day from 176 Wattle Street to the school, and the many friends that only boarding full time can make.

The Hamann name came to Concordia in 1925 when my grandfather, Dr Henry Paul Augustus Hamann, was called from the USA to take up a teaching role, especially in languages and theology, at Concordia in Adelaide. He began work in 1926 and was Headmaster from 1939-53, continuing as Principal of Concordia Seminary through to 1961. He died, aged 99, in 1985.

Dr Hamann senior's two children studied at Concordia: Henry Paul (1929) and Dorothy Anne (1931). Henry Hamann junior took up a teaching role at the school from 1942-57 and succeeded his father as Principal of Concordia Seminary from 1962 until its closure in 1967.

My generation consists of the five children of Dr Henry Hamann junior. We were all educated at St John's Lutheran School and Concordia College, and it is significant that we mostly embarked on careers that offered opportunities for service to others.

The Hamann family speaks with one voice when they reflect on their education at St John's and Concordia. They appreciated the foundational values provided by the grace of God for all in Jesus Christ and the love to one another that naturally flows from there. There were many opportunities to participate in a full sports program. Socials with square dancing (introduced by my dad) were always much fun and allowed natural socialising. We would like to thank so many people - headmasters, teachers, staff, coaches, house masters and mistresses - indeed all who made life at St John's and Concordia so significant in our preparation for the lives that were then all before us.

Our grandfather had an unwavering commitment to the Christian education of both girls and boys through his teaching at Concordia College and Concordia Seminary. Our father after him continued this commitment. As the next generations of Hamanns we are all beneficiaries of this legacy.



Hamann's at Concordia

Dr Henry Paul Augustus Hamann
Lecturer & Headmaster 1926-1953

Henry Paul Hamann jnr.
Class of 1929, Teacher 1942-1957

Dorothy Anne Hamann
Class of 1931

Richard Hamann
Class of 1956

Robert Hamann
Class of 1958

David Hamann
Class of 1959

Judith Alexander (Hamann)
Class of 1965

Elizabeth Kleinig (Hamann)
Class of 1969



Old Concordians' Association

Q&A with Wilma Krieg (Hoopmann, Class of 1939)

Our Alumni Manager visited one of our more senior Old Concordians, Wilma Krieg, who is turning 96 this year, to find out a bit about her time at Concordia.

What are your memories of boarding at Concordia?

I received a scholarship at Concordia with the expectation of becoming a Lutheran School Teacher after graduating, so at 13 I left the family home in Henty, country Victoria to go to Concordia. There were 27 girls in the Cheltenham Street boarding house, and seven of us were known as the "sleepout girls" because the College needed room for more girls and built a sleepout where we were located. We became very firm friends and have kept in touch our whole lives. At the hostel, bedtime was at nine and lights out at 10pm, but we usually kept talking long after that and had late night

feasts when Ollie's mum sent us a case of kuchen. In 1939, when war broke out, we had to practise getting in and out of the trenches that had been dug in the quadrangle, and on Saturday nights when study time was over, we knitted khaki socks for soldiers.

Do you have any funny or favourite stories that you would like to share?

There are so many funny memories and stories, like the time the matron tried to improve my looks for a wedding I was going to on a Saturday by wrapping "rags" in my hair to curl it, which I had to wear to school all day on Friday, much to my embarrassment.

The boy and girl students were not meant to socialise with each other, but quite a bit went on behind the scenes. If I had told the authorities all of the things I had witnessed, many

boys would have been expelled, but instead they stayed and became excellent Lutheran pastors!

Girl boarders had to walk two by two in a long line that was called "the crocodile" all the way to Bethlehem Church in Flinders Street for night church, but the seminary boys were allowed to take the tram. On the way they would wave and laugh at us as they passed by, there was even a bit of jumping in and out of the tram windows!

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

Christian values, obedience and faithfulness as well as cherishing lasting relationships that were formed at Concordia.



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

Father	Clemens Hoopmann	1905
Brother	Eric Hoopmann	1937
Me	Wilma Krieg (Hoopmann)	1939
Husband	Ron Krieg	1941
Daughter	Karen Tromans (Krieg)	1970
Daughter	Heather Haratsis (Krieg)	1971
Son	Everard Krieg	1972
Son	Gerald Krieg	1975
Granddaughter	Kerstin Tromans	2007
Grandson	Ryan Tromans	2009



You received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to community history this year, tell us about your award.

My involvement in community history through my volunteer work at Lutheran Archives began with Concordia College, when I was asked to assist Dr Elmore Leske with researching for the Concordia centenary history, published in 1990. Reading the German documents - I discovered that history did not need to be 1000 years old to be fascinating. Events in the township of Murtoa where Concordia began were not at all lacking in drama and significance. When the answer I was seeking could be found only in a handwritten document in the mysterious old German script, I simply had to teach myself to read it - that new skill opened the door to the transcribing, translating, research, presentations and publications I have been involved in ever since.

Briefly tell us about where life has taken you since leaving Concordia.

A Bachelor of Arts (BA) Honours degree in German Language and Literature led to a Ph.D., followed by two post-doctoral years in Freiburg, Germany. Two decades of teaching German classes ranging from primary to tertiary included stints of telephone teaching at the Correspondence School and adult classes for TAFE and Continuing

Q&A with Dr Lois Zweck OAM (Class of 1960)

Education. Interspersed were years of travel in Europe, Asia and the USA. From 1992, casual teaching for the German Department at Adelaide University allowed time for volunteering at Lutheran Archives, and 30 years later I am still there.

What are some defining moments in your life since Concordia College?

Concordia played a major role in defining my path in life. I come from a farming family, and although a number of my brothers, cousins and uncles had graduated from Concordia Seminary, I did not know anyone who had attended university - a common situation in rural families of that first post-war generation. It was Concordia principal Elmore Leske who prompted my BA studies. Mastering a language is the most rewarding of subjects as it becomes the key to a whole new cultural world, a new perspective on whatever you may be interested in.

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

When I started at Concordia, the College and the Seminary were still a single institution. That soon changed, but the original character as the preparatory school for service as a teacher or pastor in the church remained. The networks created across the state and beyond its borders were a strong unifying factor in church life.



What advice would you offer current students to inspire them?

It was the parable of the talents that teacher Willem Roose used to encourage me to tackle the extended BA Honours degree that led to postgraduate studies. Our God-given gifts may not lead us where we had imagined, but by taking up the opportunities life offers us, we can find fulfilment in tasks that correspond with both our innate gifts and service to our community.

What are the most memorable highlights of your career?

In 1977, overland travel from Singapore to Iceland was a life-changing experience. I took local transport through Asia and the Middle East to Europe, reaching Istanbul in six months, then across Europe as far as Iceland and back. That trip remains unrepeatable and unforgettable.

Another great memory includes a friend contacting me from her office at the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity at the Vatican. She asked me to translate from German into English their conference papers, reports and addresses of the new German Cardinal. I learned so much about early Christianity, the history and structure of the Catholic Church, as well as the efforts of other denominations of the world striving to fulfil Christ's prayer "that all of them may be one" (John 17:21). In 2002, I was one of the invited guests presented to Pope John Paul II at a public audience in St Peter's Square.

Sporting Clubs

New - Old Concordians' Basketball Club

We are very excited to be supporting the new Old Concordians' Basketball Club. The Club will be fielding both men's and women's teams in the South Australian Church Basketball Association (SACBA) Competition, starting in early May, and will be heavily subsidised by the Old Concordians' Association.

To find out more about any of our Old Concordians' Association sporting groups, please contact alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au and we will put you in touch with the relevant Club Coordinator.

Current Old Concordian Sporting Clubs:

- + Basketball Club
- + Cricket Club
- + Netball Club
- + Pedal Prix Club
- + Soccer Club
- + Volleyball Club

The Old Concordians' Association financially supports the setup and running costs of our sports clubs and it was great to see the growth of all clubs over the last year. If you are interested in starting a sports club or special interest group for Old Concordians, we encourage you to contact the Alumni Manager, Sue Spry, via email alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au or phone 08 8291 9339 for details about how we can help.



Weddings



Alex Theel (2015) and Stacey Tonkin (2014)

on Saturday 4 December 2021

L-R: Thomas Theel (2013), Johanna Pilcher, Tim Cook, Bree Blanchard-Jackson (Tonkin 2016), Alexander Theel (2015), Stacey Theel (Tonkin 2014), Nikki Tonkin (2018), Thomas Messenger (2015), Sophie Theel (2017), Kirill King.



Heidi Dewhurst (Miller 2010) and Brady Dewhurst

on Saturday 13 November 2021

L-R: Mitchell Radford, Rachael Syrus (Tulloch 2010), Luke Miller, Natasha Luscri, Brady Dewhurst, Heidi Dewhurst (Miller 2010), Charlotte Stone, Luke King, Ashleigh McConnell, Amanda Beaumont.

Births

Henry Smith (2006) and Genevieve Clay-Smith,

twin daughters
Monet Tomysin Clay-Smith and Everest Betty Rose Clay-Smith



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.

Gilbert, Kathleen (Marks 1950)
on 21 June 2021

Burger, Erica (Starick 1938)
on 11 July 2021

Paech, Lola (Hoopmann 1941)
on 5 August 2021

Lutze, Bethany Elaine (Zweck 1947)
on 16 August 2021

Capper, Joan (Lindstrom 1947)
on 21 August 2021

Webb, Harry (2005)
on 30 August 2021

Paech, Keith (1955)
on 18 September 2021

Schloss, Arthur (1952)
on 28 September 2021

Hoffrichter, Graham (1955)
on 3 November 2021

Sarson, Ian (1956)
on 3 November 2021

Quast, Rev Wilton (1958)
on 9 November 2021

Kriewaldt, Jonathan 'Brenz' (1947)
on 1 December 2021

Gallasch, Miki (2001)
on 5 December 2021

Paech, Peter (1958)
on 6 December 2021

Hoff, Naomi (1936)
on 10 December 2021

Schumacher, David (1945)
on 15 January 2022

Olive, Stephen (1974)
on 19 February 2022

Kleemann, Timothy (1971)
on 5 March 2022

Fulwood, Eleanor (Heintze 1955)
on 30 March 2022

Geue, Mostyn (1959)
on 30 March 2022

Traeger, Lois (Bittner 1952)
on 5 April 2022

Baker, Peter (1952)
on 18 April 2022

Reunions and Events



Brown & Gold 60+ Lunch
Thursday 23 September 2021



Class of 1981 - 40 Year Reunion
Saturday 4 December 2021



Class of 1996 - 25 Year Reunion
Saturday 16 October 2021



Class of 2011 - 10 Year Reunion
Friday 26 November 2021



Class of 1971 - 50 Year Reunion
Friday 12 November 2021



Class of 1991 - 30 Year Reunion
Friday 29 October 2021



Class of 2001 - 20 Year Reunion
Friday 19 November 2021



Class of 2016 - 5 Year Reunion
Friday 3 December 2021

Diary Dates

Class of 1971, 50+1 Year Reunion **Friday 20 May 2022, 6pm**

Concordia College and The Edinburgh Hotel
A Concordia College tour at 6pm will be followed by canapés in The Ed Cocktail Garden, High Street Mitcham at 7:15pm.
Tickets: \$20pp // Includes finger food at The Ed.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BTXRC

Barossa Reunion **Friday 10 June 2022, 6-8pm**

Barossa Distilling Co., Copper Club Room, 18-28 Tanunda Rd, Nuriootpa
Tickets: \$35pp // Includes a drink on arrival, pizza and canapés.
Old Concordians, past staff and friends of Concordia are all welcome.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BXDXX

Class of 1972, 50 Year Reunion Dinner **Friday 17 June 2022, 6.30-9.30pm**

The Suaviter, Concordia College
Tickets: \$40pp // Includes a catered three-course meal and complimentary drink on arrival.
Bar provided.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWVNL

Class of 1982, 40 Year Reunion Dinner **Friday 1 July, 6.30-9pm**

The Suaviter, Concordia College
Tickets: \$40pp // Includes a catered three-course meal and complimentary drink on arrival.
Bar provided.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWVOF

Brisbane Reunion **Friday 5 August 2022, 6-8pm**

Botany - Indoor Bar Area, 1/76 Skyring Terrace, Newstead
Tickets: \$35pp // Includes a drink on arrival and canapé menu.
Old Concordians, past staff and friends of Concordia are all welcome.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWYMS

Melbourne Reunion **Thursday 25 August 2022, 6-8pm**

Pepe's Italian - Rintel Private Room, 275 Exhibition Street, Melbourne
Tickets: \$35pp // Includes a drink on arrival, antipasto, pizza and sides.
Old Concordians, past staff and friends of Concordia are all welcome.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWZKC

Brown & Gold 60+ Lunch (Class of 1962 and prior) **Thursday 22 September 2022, 12 noon-3pm**

The Suaviter, Concordia College
Tickets: \$25pp // Includes a catered lunch.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWVXX

Class of 1992, 30 Year Reunion **Friday 28 October 2022, 6-8pm**

The Art Courtyard, Concordia College
Tickets: \$30pp // Includes drinks, finger food and a College tour.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWVXY

Class of 2002, 20 Year Reunion **Friday 11 November 2022, 6-8pm**

The Art Courtyard, Concordia College
Tickets: \$30pp, children eat free // Includes drinks, finger food and a tour.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWWJM

Class of 2012, 10 Year Reunion **Friday 25 November 2022, 6pm**

The Edinburgh Hotel, High Street, Mitcham
Tickets: \$25pp // Includes a drink on arrival and finger food.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWWJW

Class of 2021 Welcome to the Old Concordians **Thursday 1 December 2022, 5.30-6.30pm (new date)**

The Art Courtyard, Concordia College
Free event, bookings essential // Drinks and nibbles in the Art Courtyard.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BTXRC

Class of 2017, 5 Year Reunion **Friday 9 December 2022, 6pm**

The Edinburgh Hotel, High Street, Mitcham
Tickets: \$25pp // Includes a drink on arrival and finger food.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BWWJY

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To update your details, visit our website www.concordia.sa.edu.au/community/old-concordians/stay-in-touch/ or phone Sue Spry, Alumni Manager, on 08 8291 9339.

Interested in joining the Old Concordians' Association Committee?

We would love to hear from you!
Please contact the Alumni Manager, Sue Spry, for more information - alumni@concordia.sa.edu.au



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