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A Grateful Heart

As I come towards the end of my tenure at Concordia and my career as a teacher, I look back in wonder at the learning opportunities I have witnessed and experienced, not just through my involvement at Concordia, but also at other Lutheran secondary schools in South Australia and interstate.

For many readers of this article, Concordia College (including the St John’s Campus) will be the only Lutheran School that has featured in the educational history of their family, but Concordia is just one of many Lutheran schools, early learning centres and universities in Australia and around the world. In this, the 500th anniversary year of the Reformation of the church that started under Martin Luther, I want to pay tribute to the importance that the Lutheran Church places on the value of a holistic education for young people. I also want to reflect on the blessings that flow to students as a result of this commitment to learning within a Christian framework.

In this, my last formal contribution to *Concordia Community*, I wish to acknowledge a number of things that I am grateful for.

1. While the style of learning has changed markedly in five centuries, I am grateful that the central commitment of the Lutheran Church to prepare young people for a life of service to our community has not varied.
2. I am grateful that our school is inclusive, welcoming people from a breadth of backgrounds, with a variety of personalities and a range of skills.
3. I give thanks that at Concordia we foster in students a desire to care for each other and show appropriate respect.
4. I am grateful for the commitment of Concordia staff to the education of our students. At Concordia, student learning is at the heart of our decision-making which places considerable responsibility on our staff in their day-to-day interactions with young people. We are fortunate to have many highly dedicated staff who ‘walk the extra mile’ in their encouragement and support of students.
5. I am grateful to the partners and families of Concordia staff for their support of the work of the College.
6. I am grateful that we have numerous families who work in partnership with the College in many and various ways.
7. In this, the second year of the amalgamation of the primary and secondary campuses of Concordia, I express my gratitude to the many people who have ensured that this transition was successful.
8. Finally, I give thanks to God that we live in a society that allows us to provide students with an education that originates from a Christian context, where excellence, challenge and opportunity are the norm.

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Lester Saegenschnitter
Principal – Concordia Campus



When students are fully engaged in their learning and doing something that excites and inspires them, curiosity and wonder are a natural part of the learning process. Here our students share their stories about the things that inspire them and fill their learning with wonder.

Elijah Rieger

Year 7: **Electronics and Robotics**

"I love how anything is possible in the field of electronics. People are always trying to push the boundaries. ... I love the problem-solving that electronics requires."

Since he was little, Elijah has always loved tinkering with things and pulling them apart to see how they work. *"From just a toddler, I would follow my grandpa into his shed to watch his latest project. He likes to restore old radios. I have learnt lots from my dad too. He works with SA Ambulance on their communication equipment."*

The Electronics Club at Concordia has provided Elijah with an opportunity to expand his skills and ideas: *"We have been learning about circuitry and how to code instructions for robots using the PICAXE system. The club has sparked my imagination and allowed me to use equipment that I wouldn't normally have access to."*

Elijah is optimistic about the future and one day hopes to find a career in the industry: *"I am pretty sure that in the near future, robots are going to be part of everyday life in our homes and work. It's an exciting time ahead..."*

Connor Patterson

Year 12: **Costume Design and Creation**

"I love creating my own designs and bringing those designs to life."

Connor has always had an interest in fashion, but only started to learn pattern making and sewing this year when he decided to pursue costume design as part of his Year 12 Visual Art course.

"The course at Concordia is really flexible, allowing students to study what interests them most. This has given me the freedom to pursue my skills and interests in this area. The Art teachers have been very supportive, providing advice and help whenever I need it."

After he graduates, Connor is interested in developing his skills in costume design and creation in the media and film industry.

Indra Brock-Fabel

Year 1: **Drawing and Painting**

"When I grow up, I'd like to be an artist and have my work displayed in a gallery so that people can see my work."

From the first time Indra took Art at school, she knew it was something she wanted to develop. *"I love the different colours and texture, and that art gives you the freedom to draw anything you like."* Through Art at school, Indra has learnt about different styles of art and drawing techniques. *"I like being creative with my drawing, and using lots of swirls, rather than straight lines."*

Indra recently received 2nd place for her watercolour painting in the 7-9 year old division of the state-wide Girl Guide category for Painting or Poster under the theme of 'Going on an Adventure' at the Royal Adelaide Show.

Benny Ajaero

Year 9: **Computer Programming**

"I enjoy computer science because it allows me to solve complex problems with mathematical concepts."

Benny first became interested in computer science when he was 10 years old and has recently been involved in writing and testing the software for the Foucault Pendulum in the new Nautilus Centre.

Benny attends the Electronics Club at Concordia, which has allowed him to develop programs using PICAXE and Arduino for a wide array of devices. *"In the future, I plan on creating my own LISP dialect, writing a custom C compiler and creating a specialised GNU/Linux Distribution from scratch."*

Nava Revalk

Year 11: **Singing**

"I love that through singing I can make people happy."

From a very young age, Nava has been passionate about singing. She started lessons when she was 11 years old and took part in Concordia's Special Interest Music program in Years 8 to 10.

"The program helped me to develop as a singer and grow in confidence, by providing access to different styles of music and opportunities to sing with various groups including jazz choirs, the Funk Band and Chapel bands."

Nava has starred in a variety of musical productions both inside and outside school, including travelling to the US in 2016 with the Australian Youth Performing Arts team. Earlier this month, Nava won first place in the Performing Arts Broadway Vocal Challenge with a perfect score of 100.



What's in a Name?

The Nautilus Centre takes its name from a fascinating marine mollusc whose shell is shaped in a logarithmic spiral, a natural occurrence of the Fibonacci sequence which features in the building.

The shells pictured on the cover belong to a set which was generously donated to Concordia by Lynette and Lance Otto. The shells were collected on Thistle Island, 35km south east of Port Lincoln, by a school friend of Lynette's named Helen Wade (née Bevoir) who lived on the island. When Helen received an invitation to Lynette and Lance's wedding and was unable to attend, she sent the magnificent collection of nautilus shells as a wedding gift. Having cherished the shells for many years, the Otto family recently presented them to the College. They are incredibly beautiful and will be displayed in the appropriately named Nautilus Centre for students to admire and enjoy.

On Monday, 30 October, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia will officially open the Nautilus Centre at Concordia Collage, a magnificent new learning facility for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM).

Here are some of the key features of the Centre – a facility which will benefit students for many years to come.

A space for flexible learning

Laboratories, tutorial rooms and design suites are connected by a number of breakout spaces to cater for contemporary teaching and learning methods.

A space where Art and Science come together

Specialised rooms for Art and Digital Design will bring creativity and innovation into the same physical space as STEM, developing in students an appreciation for the natural overlap between Science and Art.

A space that illustrates key concepts

The building's physical structure and visual appearance have been designed to inspire curiosity by demonstrating a range of scientific, mathematic and artistic principles. The Fibonacci sequence is a prominent feature, as is the Foucault pendulum showing the earth's rotation, and the striking dichroic glass surfaces that illustrate the physics of optical interference.

A space to reflect and wonder

Indoor learning spaces are connected to the outside world through abundant access to natural light and the use of outdoor learning areas. A rooftop terrace offers a unique vantage point from which to appreciate the wonders of the surrounding world.

As a community, we are incredibly excited to see this landmark project come to completion and we look forward to students enjoying the many opportunities for learning that will stem from such a beautiful and inspiring facility.



Join us for the official opening

Parents, old collegians and community members are warmly invited to join students, staff and invited guests for the official opening and dedication of the Nautilus Centre.

Monday, 30 October 2017

8.30am – 9.15am

The Quad, Concordia College

Afterwards, guests are invited to stay for a tour of the new facility. For more information contact Helen Karapandzic, Director of Community Relations at hkarapandzic@concordia.sa.edu.au

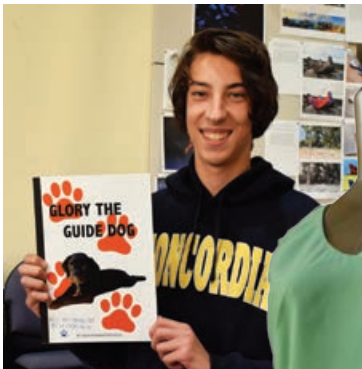


As they near the end of Year 6 and Year 10, our students celebrate their learning journeys throughout the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Middle Years Programme (MYP) with two engaging exhibitions.



PYP Exhibition

The Year 6 PYP Exhibition was a highly anticipated event and a fantastic showcase of student learning which was enthusiastically received by those who attended. This year, the Exhibition focused on the central idea that *“our understanding of current issues can be expressed in a variety of ways to engage and inform the community and encourage action.”* In preparation, students chose a topic of interest and developed a creative presentation to demonstrate their understanding. With the Resource Centre and Activities Room transformed into vibrant Exhibition spaces, many parents, students and community members visited as our Year 6 students confidently shared their knowledge on a range of topics. From caring for the environment by reducing waste through to health, human rights, animal endangerment and more, it was incredible to see how students had explored real-world issues and developed creative solutions.



MYP Exhibition

The creativity and ingenuity of our Year 10 students never ceases to amaze and was evident through the wide variety of Personal Projects on display at this year’s MYP Exhibition. The range of finished products reflected the incredible diversity of our students, with each one selecting a topic of particular personal interest on which to base their project. The Exhibition included a virtual pinball machine, a personal camper trailer, books, artworks and more. The projects were a testament to the hard work and commitment of our students who produced some truly excellent finished products. We now look forward to seeing what next year’s exhibition will hold!





Outdoor Learning

Staff and students in the ELC continued the success of last year's inaugural Bush Day by taking not one but two day trips to Belair National Park this year. It was fantastic to see the students' excited faces as they arrived for a day of exploration, nature play and hands-on learning. Nature is science in action and the students had fun exploring the beauty and wonder of the great outdoors. Cooperation and creativity were in full swing too, as students worked together and used their imaginations to transform a giant log into a seesaw and to turn a large tree into an enchanted kingdom.

Through regular outdoor play our students are learning how to care for and respect the environment in which they live, while building confidence, independence and resilience as they explore the ever-changing environment. No doubt they will look back on these days with many fond memories.

ELC Garden Redevelopment

In 2016, our ELC was named as the SA state finalist in the national *My Park Rules* competition and, as a result, students and staff worked with a landscape architect to plan their ideal garden and outdoor learning space.

Since that time, the College has made the decision to proceed with a redevelopment of our outdoor area and we're excited that the project is now officially underway! The new space will feature an improved canopy shade structure to make the best use of available light, as well as many nature play features such as a kitchen garden zone, mud patch, textured paths, a creek bed with a water pump, improved natural seating, vegetable planters and a vertical Gro-wall. We are very excited to see the new space taking shape in the coming weeks and look forward to seeing students enjoying the beautiful outdoor learning area before the end of the year.



A model depicting student ideas for the outdoor space.



Jolly Phonics Dress-up Day

Our Reception students had lots of fun dressing up in all sorts of creative costumes at their Jolly Phonics Dress-up Day, to celebrate their learning of the most common sounds in the English language. From rabbits to racing car drivers, pirates to princesses and construction workers to Crows players, they were certainly a colourful bunch. The teachers joined in with some fun animal onesies too!

Language has been a key educational focus at our St John's Campus this year and it was wonderful to celebrate this milestone with the students.



Book Week

'Escape to Everywhere' was this year's Book Week theme and our Primary School students certainly enjoyed 'escaping' from their regular routines to dive into some interesting activities. Each year level had an opportunity to find out about life as a professional illustrator, learning first-hand from special guest Andrew Joyner. Students also 'taste tested' a wide selection of books at 'book tasting' sessions in the Resource Centre which was creatively transformed into the wonderful Book Bites Café. The teachers escaped from their classrooms too, with each one choosing a favourite children's book to read to another class. Upper Primary students also had their say on some books they'd like to see added to the library during a visit from Pegi Williams Books. It was a busy week and a wonderful opportunity for our students to be inspired to become confident young readers.



Grandparents' and Special Friends' Morning

Students from ELC to Year 3 were excited to welcome some visitors to the College on Friday 18 August, with almost 400 guests joining in the annual Grandparents' and Special Friends' Morning celebrations. Beginning with Chapel, the special guests were warmly welcomed by the Year 1 class who confidently led the singing and showed some wonderful dance moves during the songs. Guests were treated to a performance by the Junior Primary choir before going on a 'trail' around the campus, visiting the students' classrooms and taking a closer look at life as a student at Concordia. After morning tea, the Concert Band and choirs, Junior Strings and Percussion Ensemble concluded the morning with some lovely performances.

Grandparents and special friends play an important role in supporting our students as they learn and grow, and we thank our guests for joining us and being part of this memorable occasion!





Grandfriends' Day

On Friday 8 September, we welcomed around 200 grandparents and special friends of students in Year 7 for our annual Grandfriends' Day. The morning began in the College Chapel with a special welcome, musical performances, book readings and a devotion. Students then took their guests on a guided tour of the school and a visit to their classrooms where they took part in activities,

including a geography quiz. Students and their guests also enjoyed a delicious morning tea, courtesy of the Concordia Campus Parents & Friends.

It was an enjoyable morning for everyone involved. Our students really enjoyed hosting their guests and it was wonderful to see the connection between the College, our students and their significant friends continue to grow.



Gifted and Talented Conference

On 15 August, approximately 150 students from six schools, including over 60 from Concordia, participated in the 2017 SA Gifted and Talented Conference with UK academic Julie Arliss. A talented presenter associated with Oxford University, Julie used a variety of approaches to lead students on a thought-provoking philosophical journey. Participants explored concepts including the wonders of the Fibonacci sequence and its relationship to consciousness, ethical questions of sacrifice and self-sacrifice, and the revelations, possibilities and risks of nanotechnology. Students enjoyed the opportunity to interact with participants from other schools and to defend their views and test their intellectual mettle in front of an audience of discerning peers.

Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 Camp held in Term 2 provided an opportunity for students to leave technology behind and head to the Flinders Ranges to explore the great outdoors and to develop new skills and friendships.

Students pitched their own tents, cooked some of their own meals on camping stoves and challenged themselves by participating in outdoor activities including rock climbing, abseiling, hiking, mountain biking and 'giving back' through community and service.

Students enjoyed the many experiences on offer, as well as the opportunity to get to know each other better: *"The camp was great fun and we learned many survival skills ... the location in the Flinders Ranges was spectacular."* (Kane Brew-Bevan)

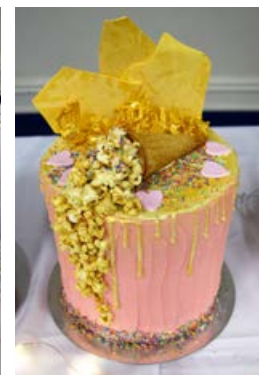
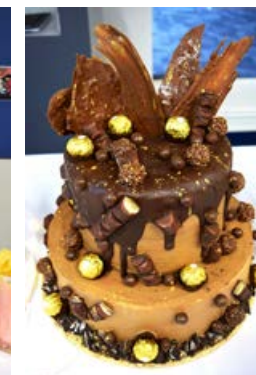
Science Week

Students expanded their thinking in August as part of our annual Science Week program. Year 9 students learnt about the latest in medical imaging technologies through a visit from the Centre for Nanoscale BioPhotonics (CNBP), while our Year 7 students studied sustainable housing design. The Year 8s made creative use of recycled materials to generate chain reactions that included as many energy transformations as possible, with the winning team managing to identify more than 400 transformations!



Year 12 Formal

The 2017 Year 12 Formal took place on Friday 12 May at the Stamford Grand, Glenelg. The students enjoyed dressing up for the occasion and had a wonderful night.



Bridging Program

This year, we welcomed eight international students into Concordia's new Bridging Program at the start of Semester 2. This dedicated semester-long program, designed to prepare students for the transition to mainstream classes at Concordia, includes English language support, academic curriculum support, Personal Learning Plan completion and guidance with subject selection, as well as integration with other Concordia students in key learning areas. The students are settling in well and enjoying the variety of learning experiences on offer.



Young Women in Technology Experience

A group of girls attended the University of Adelaide's Young Women in Technology day in Term 2, participating in a range of engineering challenges and activities. As part of the experience, they saw a Virtual Reality (VR) 3D geological survey, made slime of varying consistencies, learnt about the Internet of Everything (IoE) and built simple water filtration systems based on different price points, representing the GDP of countries around the world.

Year 12 Cakes

Our talented Year 12 students produced some outstanding creations as part of their summative cake-making task in August. We congratulate them on their efforts.



As a College, we want students to engage in learning and achieve to the best of their ability so that they can make the world a better place. Here are some of the ways our students and staff engage in acts of service as members of a global community.

Kalahari Experience

For over ten years, teams from Concordia have travelled to South Africa to make a positive impact on the lives of learners in the Moshaweng Valley through the Kalahari Experience. This year, a team of 25 headed to the remote desert community which struggles with minimal resources and only basic facilities. The primary aim was to teach English, Mathematics and Science to Grade 9 students at Bosheng Middle School, as well as running electives in creative writing, sport, computing, art and choir.

Year 11 student Geordie Maddocks shared the following reflections on her experience:

"Every day was a new adventure and getting up at 5am every morning actually got easier because I just wanted to go teach these extraordinary learners ... The days that will always stick with me are the ones where I would be explaining a concept and the learner would pick up what I was saying and I would see them applying what they'd learnt in other pieces of work. I found it extremely hard saying goodbye ... And even though we were teaching these learners, I was learning so much from them ... including just small things such as being grateful for all the amazing opportunities we have around us."



Football Outreach Vanuatu

For several years, Concordia has enjoyed a connection to the island nation of Vanuatu, with teams taking part in Football Outreach trips, bringing hope and joy to disadvantaged locals through participation in Australian Rules football.

This year, a team has once again made a difference by running coaching clinics and umpiring matches, as well as donating much-needed equipment.

The preparation was comprehensive, with each team member completing SANFL coaching and umpiring courses to help them clearly communicate the rules and techniques of the game.

The team has recently returned from the trip and we are looking forward to hearing about their experiences.

Habitat for Humanity

In July, five Concordia students and one staff member joined 36 others from Lutheran schools across South Australia and journeyed to Cambodia to build houses for local residents through Habitat for Humanity. Having lived in harsh conditions with an unreliable food source and constant sickness, local families were keen to contribute by working alongside the volunteers to make their new homes a reality.

"This short time changed so many people's lives and showed the true power of helping others."

Tom Nicholson

Siassi Partnership

A team of St John's Campus staff recently travelled to Papua New Guinea to meet with a delegation of 15 teachers and church leaders from the Siassi Islands, to strengthen the partnership and renew our combined vision for the future. Our partnership, which began in 2011, now exists between the St John's Campus and approximately 40 schools across the islands.

The practical focus is to provide support and encouragement to teachers through professional development, particularly in phonics and teaching English as a second language. The heart of the partnership lies in the development of long term relationships between communities, founded on the sharing of Christian faith.

We look forward with hopeful anticipation and ask for God's continued blessing on the partnership.

"The locals, skilled workers and translators joined in building, singing and dancing. Brick lines spread from one end of the site to the other. Concrete mixing occurred all over the ground. The children played hopscotch and other games on the dirt road. Smiley faces could be seen in every direction."
Stephanie Schubert



Generations in Jazz + James Morrison Visit

Our students have produced some incredible performances this year, earning impressive results at the ABODA Festival and enjoying an opportunity to play alongside and learn from one of Australia's finest musicians.

In May, 89 talented musicians and singers from Concordia competed at the annual Generations in Jazz event held in Mount Gambier, with 4,700 students attending from around Australia. We were delighted to have Big Bands 1, 2 and 3, the Jazz Collective and three choirs performing across the weekend and though the standard of the competition is always high, each of Concordia's groups performed very well. A particular note of congratulations goes to Big Band 2 who earned second place in Division 3.1 and to Eddie Holt-Fanning (Saxophone 1, Big Band 2) who was selected as a member of the Division 3 Super Band.

Mr Mat Noble, Concordia's Director of Music, was also honoured to receive the James Morrison *Spirit of Generations* Band Director's Award sponsored by Wenger. As a result, Concordia had the privilege of hosting Mr Morrison for a special assembly and two music workshops in July. James' talent inspired students and staff alike, with a number of students enjoying a rare opportunity to play alongside a world-class musician and to learn from his extensive musical knowledge and life experience.

We thank James for joining us and congratulate the students and staff involved in Generations for representing the College with excellence.



Vocal Cabaret

The musical ability and confidence of our senior vocal students, Concert Vocal and Year 11 Jazz Quartet were evident throughout the night, and the performances were incredibly well received by the 200-strong audience. Thanks to the students and staff involved, and to our guests, for making it such a wonderful event!

Concordia in Concert

Our talented students shone at our annual Concordia Campus music showcase, Concordia in Concert, in front of a delighted audience in the sold-out College Chapel.

Highlights included the opening spectacular involving our Orchestra, Senior Choir and Funk Band who performed ELO's classic "It's a Living Thing". The Testosterphones crooned a moving rendition of "More than Words", while Big Band 3 displayed choreographic skills not seen by a Big Band at Concordia before. The finale, a stirring rendition of the classic "What a Wonderful World" performed by a huge combined choir along with the College Orchestra, capped off a wonderful night of music.

The Mike Stewart Memorial Award was presented to Zac Treloar (Year 12) for his contribution to Big Band 1.



ABODA Festival

Concordia was well represented at the 2017 Australian Bands and Orchestra Directors' Association (ABODA) Festival, adding to last year's outstanding results with five Gold Awards and one Silver Award!

The String Ensemble was a standout, earning a Gold Award and finishing as Overall Section Winner in their category. The St John's Campus Concert Band, who attended for the first time, also performed to a very high standard and won gold, along with Big Band 1, Big Band 2 and the Concordia Campus Concert Band.

St John's Campus Showcase

The St John's Campus Music Showcase was a wonderful celebration of learning, with a total of 160 students in seven groups performing for an appreciative audience on Thursday 31 August.

Highlights included performances by the String Ensembles and the Year 2 Recorder Ensemble. The Concert Band, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 choirs, Vocal Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble also performed beautifully and it was lovely to have so many guests supporting our students on the night.





Our students frequently produce outstanding performances, from excellent academic achievements to sporting victories and from state or national team selections to amazing musical accomplishments. Here are some of the many achievements we have celebrated in recent months:

- **1. Sam Homburg** (Year 9) won the *Night of the Guitar* Youth Guitar Competition at the German Club in July and earned the honour of opening for Phil Emmanuel at the same venue the following weekend.
- **2. Tait Kilgariff** (Year 8) competed at the SA Interschool Ski Championships (SASKI) at Falls Creek in July, winning silver in the downhill race.
- **3.** Year 10 student **Caitlin Peirce** continued her fine form on the golf course, competing in the Australian Girls Amateur Championships and the Australian Girls Interstate Team Matches at Port Kembla. Caitlin also won the Ladies Championships at The Vines of Reynella Golf Club and the Stirling Golf Club, among other achievements.
- **Lauren Bell** represented Australia as part of the Combined Australian Netball Association (CANA) International Touring Team that played in Fiji earlier this year and won all of their games.
- **Elyse Smith** (Year 10) and **Catherine Lyndon** (Year 12) competed at the Australian Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne, finishing in the top ten in their respective divisions. Catherine earned third place for her Hoop routine and was also a member of the SA team that finished second.
- **Marco Els** (Year 9) was selected in the SSSSA cross country team to compete at the National Championships in Tasmania.
- **Annie Green** and **Mikayla Schache** (Year 10) represented the Independent Girls School Sports Association (IGSSA) in soccer and netball respectively in the Tri-State Challenge.
- **James Langley** and **Oliver Grivell** (Year 11) were selected to play for South Australia in SANFL representative teams.
- **Ethan Chapman** (Year 10) represented SA in the annual Chief of the Australian Army Cadet Team Challenge in Victoria, finishing third.
- **Mitch Williams** (Year 11) is preparing to represent SA in swimming at the Pacific School Games later this year.
- Year 11 students **Ben Cook** and **Lachlan Maddaford** have been chosen to represent South Australia in January 2018 at the National Youth Science Forum.
- **Samuel Leske** (Year 7) achieved a High Distinction in this year's ICAS Science Competition, placing him in the top 1% of students who sat the competition nationwide.
- Concordia received outstanding results from the Australian Geography Competition, with four students named as State winners for their age group including **Elijah Rieger** (Year 7, equal first), **Olivia Thomas** (Year 8, first in South Australia and top 1% in Australia), **Samuel Jaensch** and **Angus Salmon** (Year 9, equal first).
- **Holly Rate** (Year 10) played in the South Australian Water Polo team (the Adelaide Jets) that competed in the U16 National Club Championships in Hobart in September.
- **Kate Rosman** (Year 10) competed in the Elite Junior Nationals diving competition in Perth and won gold in the 1m and 3m Springboard events. She was awarded Diving Australia's Junior B (U15) Diver of the Year and was named in the National Junior Squad for the third consecutive year.
- **Jasmine Milton** (Year 8) was selected to attend the Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO) Academy in Sydney where she took part in an intensive week of rehearsals before performing at City Recital Hall alongside other academy members and their mentors, led by ACO violinist Aiko Goto.
- **Emma Briggs** and **Emma Jenke** (Year 8) were joint State Champions for the Australian History Competition.

There have been many wonderful team performances this year. Here are some of the sporting highlights from recent months.

Volleyball

Our Open Boys volleyball team earned a bronze medal in the Year 12 Division 1 SA Schools Volleyball Cup held in early August and are currently preparing for the national tournament in December.

Pedal Prix

In our second six-hour race of the Pedal Prix season, Concordia's teams took advantage of unexpected dry weather to record some strong lap times. Three of our five teams earned top ten finishes within their categories.

Netball Championships

Twenty senior and junior netballers headed to Melbourne to compete in the Waverley International Schools Netball Championships. The primary goal was to give our top netballers an opportunity to compete in an international schools competition and further develop their skills. Both teams won through to the Division 1 finals with the juniors finishing 7th overall.

As an added bonus, the team stayed near the Hawthorn Football Club's training ground and the girls were fortunate to meet star players Jarryd Roughead and Shaun Burgoyne!

Open Mixed Hockey State Champions

After a successful 2016 season, Concordia's knockout hockey team was impressive again this year, winning the Open Mixed Knockout Hockey Grand Final to become State Champions for the second year in a row.

Football Premiers

Concordia's 1st XVIII football team capped off an outstanding season in the Southern Zones Wednesday afternoon competition with a strong team effort, defeating rival Unley High School in the grand final for the second consecutive year. The final score was 11.9 (75) to 3.6 (24), with James Langley and Sam Kirkwood the leading goal scorers.

SAPSASA Basketball State Champions

Four Concordia teams competed in the SAPSASA Basketball State Championships in August. The students represented the College well, showing good sportsmanship and a strong effort throughout the competition. We were delighted to have our Year 7 boys finish first, our Year 6 boys finish second and our Year 6 girls finish third in their respective divisions. Our Year 7 boys progressed to the State Finals in September as a result, winning all seven of their games in the lead-up to the grand final. Playing against a talented opposition side, they maintained their intensity throughout the game and won by three points to become State Champions.



Each year, a fun and varied program of community events brings together parents and families across all year levels.

Parents and families at the St John's Campus enjoyed a variety of events designed to help them get to know each other better, organised by our dedicated Year Level Coordinators. These ranged from movie and coffee mornings to drinks and dinners at various cafés and restaurants, and even a winery tour!

in May and August provided a wonderful opportunity for parents, grandparents and their children to celebrate and give thanks to the special people in their lives. Guests enjoyed a delicious gourmet breakfast, talks from some inspiring guest speakers, and musical performances from school groups.

The Concordia Campus Gym took on a touch of "Hollywood" glamour in August when the St John's Campus Links rolled out the red carpet for their annual Quiz Night. The new venue proved a huge success with great attendance, fabulous decorations, and creative costumes. The highlights of the evening were the challenging but fun quiz rounds and games, with the winning table proving that teachers really do have the knowledge!

All of these events have been supported by a wonderful volunteer effort, as well as some generous sponsorship, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported us this year.

At the Concordia Campus, parents enjoyed the opportunity to catch up at year level events in recent months, including a Greek-themed feast for Year 9 parents and an Indian banquet for Year 10 and 11 parents.

The ever-popular Mother's and Father's Day Breakfasts held



4th Row L-R: Michael Doherty (Retired Chair), Michael Paech (St John's Campus Principal), David Perrins
3rd Row L-R: David Medlyn, Mick Hoopmann (Board Observer), Derek Harris (Foundation Chair)
2nd Row L-R: Gemma West (Vice Chair), Sylvia Andersons (Board Observer), Lester Saegenschnitter (Concordia Campus Principal)
Front: L-R: Sue Spry (Executive Officer), Michael Chalmers
Absent: Sally Staggs (Board Observer)

The Concordia Foundation is committed to creating and executing strategies to ensure the continual financial wellbeing of the College in order to serve generations to come. We believe the wonderful thing about this community is that everyone has a part to play and something they can give to provide a lasting impact on our school and our students. Concordia has stood the test of time and will be here for many generations to come because of the generous community spirit that has sustained us for over 125 years.

Foundation Projects

We are proud to report that we receive significant support from you, the families, old collegians and friends of the College, and would especially like to thank those who have generously donated to the Centre for Science and Discovery capital campaign. You may have noticed that building works are complete, but there is still a need for support of the building in order to continue to equip what is a truly state-of-the-art facility which will provide outstanding learning opportunities for students.

The Foundation has supported the newly named Nautilus Centre with a donation which will be recognised on the donor wall sculpture inside the main entrance. I encourage you to contact any of the Foundation Board members listed above for more information about how you can financially support Concordia, including how you can have your family or business name engraved on a bespoke cube to be added to the stunning donor wall, and receive an invitation to the opening and dedication of the new building. Phone 08 8291 9339 or email foundation@concordia.sa.edu.au

Foundation Events

The next in our series of Business Networking Breakfasts will take place in The Suaviter on Thursday 16 November.

We are excited to be featuring special guest speaker and current Concordia parent Mark Lewis, Managing Director of Bernie Lewis Home Loans. Mark will share his amazing "Green Box" story with us, so don't miss out! Register your interest with Foundation Executive Officer, Sue Spry, at sspry@concordia.sa.edu.au

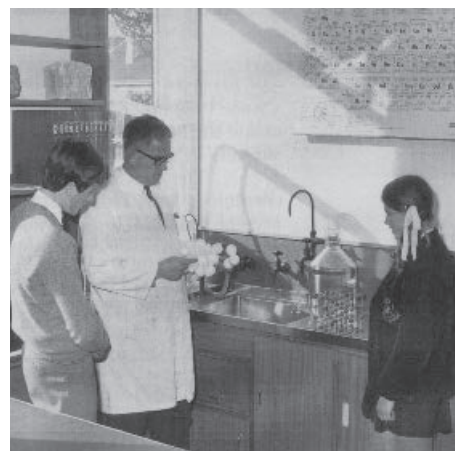
Derek Harris
 Foundation Chair



Towards Innovation

Concordia's main educational aim for the first half of the 20th century was to provide a solid grounding in the humanities, particularly for future teachers and pastors. Since the 1950s, science subjects have come to occupy a significant place in the curriculum.

In *The Brown and Gold* for 1951, Science teacher Mr F. A. Robertson argued strongly against the view that Science was 'a stop-gap... for those boys incapable of learning the classics...' and that it was 'condemned by the old headmasters as a godless subject, its teaching tending to nurture materialism.'



In the early days, Science operated with limited resources. After World War II, when laboratory supplies were expensive and scarce, teacher Mr H. L. Newton expressed his frustrations in *The Brown and Gold* for 1946. He tells of dangerous chemicals stored under tables and the urgent need for a fume cupboard. He

pleads for donations to buy a microscope, a Wimshurst machine, a Post Office resistance box, a galvanometer, prisms, ammeters, voltmeters and a set of dissecting instruments. When old collegians visited the laboratory in 1949, 'some even had the audacity to liken (it) to a second-hand shop cluttered up with old furniture.'

Fortunately, significant changes were ahead, both in the provision of suitable facilities and a change of focus in the curriculum. The Peace Memorial Wing, opened in 1953, included a Science lecture theatre and a laboratory.

In the mid-1960s, the Commonwealth Government announced funding to improve Science teaching and provide adequate facilities. Thus, Concordia embarked on an exciting development. Mr David Heinjus and Mr Ron Krieg were involved in planning a new building to cater for the sciences, which was dedicated in 1967. New courses covered the main branches of science in an integrated unit up to the Intermediate (Year 10) level, with specialized subjects commencing at Leaving (Year 11) level.

From the 1980s onwards, Science moved beyond the classroom with the introduction of field trips, camps, competitions and events. Since then, Concordia students have regularly achieved outstanding results.

During the 1990s, laboratories and classrooms were refurbished and upgraded.

The introduction of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme brought a need for a more global perspective and for links between learning areas. The first resulting interdisciplinary unit was a trial linking Science and Technology. In more recent years there was an ecosystems field trip with Humanities, and a Year 10 STEM subject with Design.

Field trips continue to provide an important dimension and significant connections have also been forged with university groups. Biology students visit Flinders University for genetics practicals, IB Diploma students are involved with the Centre for Nanoscale BioPhotonics, and IB Physics students have been involved with the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering for a diode bridge rectification practical.

Students explore the many applications of science in their lives and in the wider world while developing complex problem-solving, research and investigative skills.

Jenni van Wageningen
Archivist

DIARY DATES 2017

COCA STEM Breakfast
Tuesday
28 November, 7.30-9am
The Nautilus Centre, Concordia College
Free event
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/PRPP

Concordia Gala Ball
'What a Wonderful World'
Saturday
4 November, 7pm
Panorama Ball Room, Adelaide Convention Centre
\$165 per person
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/PKNT

Carols Service
Tuesday
12 December, 7pm
Concordia College Chapel

Class Reunions 2017
Partners welcome!

Class of 2012 – 5 Year
Friday
1 December, 6-7.30pm
The Quad, Concordia College
Join us for drinks, finger food and a tour of the College. Free event
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/PYVD

Class of 2007 – 10 Year
Friday
8 December, 6-7.30pm
The Quad, Concordia College
Join us for drinks, finger food and a tour of the College. \$10 per person
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/PYWB

COCA EVENTS 2018

Welcome to Class of 2017
Wednesday
21 February

70+ Reunion
(Harmony in the Chapel)
Monday
14 May

Perth Reunion
Friday
13 July

Port Lincoln Reunion
Saturday
28 July

Alice Springs Reunion
Saturday
11 August

60+ Lunch
Thursday 6 September

40 Year Reunion
Friday
21 September

50 Year Reunion
Friday
26 October

20 Year Reunion
Friday
9 November

10 Year Reunion
Friday
30 November

5 Year Reunion
Friday
7 December



From the President

In the previous edition of Concordia Community, I introduced the members of the new COCA Committee. I am very pleased to let you know that we are up and running, and focusing on the large task of re-engaging all old collegians with Concordia. We are also planning a comprehensive program of reunions and events for 2018, designed to provide you with a variety of ways to connect with each other and the College.

It has been exciting to see the large numbers of old collegians that have attended COCA events this year. We will continue to build on the success of the *CBD Series* events which began this year in May, so if you live outside of Adelaide, keep an eye out for upcoming reunions in your city. Our 2017 program still offers opportunities to connect, like the COCA STEM Breakfast on Tuesday 28 November and other scheduled milestone reunions – please see the diary dates for more information.

As part of our goal to re-engage all old collegians we are putting considerable effort into expanding our database as there are, for various reasons, many old collegians we do not have contact details for. We invite you to help us in our efforts by ensuring your details are up-to-date and encouraging other old collegians to do the same so that we can engage them in the COCA program as well.

If you have any questions, updates or feedback, please get in touch via the COCA Liaison, Angela Warrick, by emailing coca@concordia.sa.edu.au

Kind regards

Mark Fortunatow
COCA President



COCA Scholarship

Congratulations to the 2018 COCA Scholarship recipient, Oliver Grivell, son of Nigel ('82) and Jane Grivell.



Volunteer Certificate Program

Concordia Old Collegians Association recently launched the COCA Volunteer Certificate Program, designed to assist old collegians to gain valuable experience in the hospitality and event management sector.

In recognition of the valuable assistance provided by our volunteers, certificates signed by the SA Government's Minister for Volunteers will be awarded for 10 or more hours of service.

We were delighted to award the first Volunteer Certificate to **Ebony Edwards ('15)** who assisted at two College events earlier in the year. Ebony gained valuable experience in bar work and customer service which then helped her to gain a new job in a relevant field. Congratulations, Ebony!

If you are interested in volunteering at any of our upcoming COCA events, we'd love to hear from you. Simply email Angela Warrick awarrick@concordia.sa.edu.au, COCA Liaison, to register your interest.



Engagements

Sarah Pappin ('07) and Jakob Moser on 14 August 2016

Weddings

2. Henry Davis ('10) and Samantha Davis (Ong) on 10 June 2017

L-R: Jasmin Sorrentino, Jade Dutschke, Aly Davis, Christine Ong, Samantha Davis (Ong), Henry Davis ('10), Oli van Ruth, Gareth Davis ('03), Arthur Davis ('01), Edwin Davis ('05).

3. Georgia Minarelli (Aish '05) and James Minarelli on 16 September 2017

Births

Timothy Marks ('94) and Sarah Millot, a son Nathan Harrison on 27 October 2016

1. Suresh Meyer ('99) and **Catherine Meyer (Whitrow '04)**, a daughter Winter Grace on 17 February 2017, sister to Oliver

5. Beryl Underwood (Bradtke '94) and Dale Underwood, a son Ian Lucas on 19 April 2017, brother to Nathan

4. Belinda Humphris (Modra '09) and Nathan Humphris, a son Jack Louis on 4 July 2017

Deaths

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

McLean, Angela (Ohlmeyer '59) on 29 December 2015

Gladigau, Frederick ('37) on 6 November 2016

Newton, Irene Phyllis (Jaenisch '47) on 7 June 2017

Kumnick, John ('59) on 27 July 2017

Zweck, Rev Ian ('46) on 30 August 2017

Christiansen, Lois (Mattiske '49) on 7 September 2017

Snippets

We are always excited to hear about the amazing achievements and interesting journeys of our old collegians after they leave Concordia. Here are some of the updates we have learnt about in recent months.

Elizabeth Kriewaldt (Schuster '51) generously served the community for 53 years as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels through St Peter's Lutheran Church, Elizabeth. **Brenz Kriewaldt ('47)** also donated much of his time to Meals on Wheels, driving Elizabeth on her meal runs for 15 years.

Congratulations to **Martin Schumacher ('74)** whose

dedicated service to the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) over 25 years was acknowledged by the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Michael Luchich, at the University of Adelaide Silver Jubilee Staff Reception on 5 September 2017.

Lauren Thurgood ('00) has obtained a PhD in biochemistry and is

currently working as a geneticist, conducting cancer research at Flinders University.

Alexander Flood ('14) and **Stacey Tonkin ('14)** received awards earlier this year from the Helpmann Academy, an organisation that exists to help South Australia's up and coming artists to achieve their goals. Alexander is in his

final year of a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Performance at the University of Adelaide and was named the Top Drums Undergraduate student, adding the Bendigo Adelaide Bank Award to his growing list of accolades. Stacey is also currently completing a Bachelor of Jazz Performance at the University of Adelaide and has performed with Gospolation, Adelaide Connection and the Jones Commentary, to name a few. Stacey was named as the

Top Voice Undergraduate student and received the Rob Lyons Award.

Congratulations to **Amber Watkins ('16)**, who competed in the Australian Marimba Competition, Section A (18-22 years of age), in South Melbourne early in August. Amber achieved first prize in her age group and also won the prize for the best interpretation of an Australian work in the second round. The finalists performed at the University

of Melbourne's Melba Hall in a public Gala Concert the following day.

Lewis Young ('16) caught the eye of football fans in an impressive AFL debut for the Western Bulldogs on Sunday 16 July. Lewis contributed to the Bulldogs' victory with a total of 21 possessions and nine marks, including a spectacular hanger over Carlton's ruckman, equalling the club record for the most marks in a debut game.



Cricket Club

The Concordia Old Collegians Cricket Club is excited to announce that we have two new coaches Olly Janaway and Ben Beazley joining us to develop and support our players for the season ahead.

The Club would also like to thank COCA for its support in purchasing a new roller which has ensured we are able to continue to prepare quality pitches at our second oval in the parklands.

We are looking forward to another season in the Adelaide Turf Cricket Association competition. New players, old collegians, and current students are welcome to attend trainings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the College nets. For more information, contact the President, Tim Kupke, on 0400 017 580 or timkupke@hotmail.com. Follow our results at www.concordiacricket.com.au



Themis Dinner

The annual Themis Dinner held on Thursday 1 June saw old collegians, current Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies students and guests from the law fraternity associated with the College enjoying an opportunity to network and to hear from guest speaker Marie Shaw QC. The event was sponsored by COCA, Griffin Lawyers and the University of South Australia School of Law, and we were delighted to have over 100 guests in attendance. A special thanks to our Themis Ambassadors Anna Lindsay ('15) and Ben Krieg ('15) for their assistance in running the evening.



Career Mentoring

We were pleased to welcome to the College several old collegians who generously donated their time to share their knowledge and expertise at this year's Career Mentoring Evening for senior students in June. Old collegian mentors spoke about their careers in medicine, media, nursing and teaching. We thank them for their time and willingness to assist our current students in this way.

Lester Saegenschnitter

At the Celebration Dinner held on Saturday 16 September, COCA President, Mark Fortunatow, awarded Concordia Campus Principal, Lester Saegenschnitter, with honorary COCA Life Membership in recognition of Lester's unwavering commitment and extraordinary service to the College and its old collegians. Over the past 18 years, Lester has built strong relationships with COCA and with hundreds of old collegians on whose lives he has had a positive impact. We are delighted to welcome Lester as an honorary old collegian and hope that he will continue his involvement with COCA in the years to come.



Events and Reunions

Class of 1977 40 Year Reunion

Friday 18 August 2017, The Suaviter, Concordia College

1. Back L-R: Joyce Adolph (Boers), Peter Rimington, Philip Partington, Rev Noel Kluge, Michael Grivell, Tim Borgas, Debbie Lindner (Aerfeldt), Michael Cooper, Hannah Schultz, Mark Schultz, Laura Wain (Janusaitis), Robin Weckert, Craig Kloeden, Corrin Townsend (Nitschke), David Edmonds, Tammy Mohan (Jenkins), Rhett Cousins, David Koslowski

Middle L-R: Stuart Hoopmann, Kym Fielke, Tania Lehmann (Grieger), Bronwyn Borgas (Oster), Mandy Pohlner, Charise Haslam (Zippel), Veronica Denwick, Sue Van De Meulengraaf (Juers), Sharon Kretschmer (Briese)

Front L-R: Larry Hahn, Andrew Crocker

Brown and Gold 70+ Celebration

Monday 7 August 2017, Concordia College Chapel

2. L-R: Shirley Welke (Simon '46), John Lindner '47, Helen Partington (Biggins '47), Noel Traeger '47, Rev Dr John Koch '47, Esmond Hoepner '47, Rev Jim Klein '47, Brenz Kriewaldt ('47)

Brown and Gold 60+ Years Anniversary Lunch incorporating Class of 1957 60 Year Reunion

Thursday 7 September 2017, The Suaviter, Concordia College

3. L-R: Nadine Williams Foubert OAM (Buxton), Dianne Peters (Nagle), David Thomas, Allan Schwarz, Alan Pfitzner, Adrienne Roberts (Morton), Ian Austin, Betty Kowald (Herrmann), Kevin Jericho, Garry Eckermann, Barbara Secomb (Hein), Kath Lamshed (Whittaker), Ken Bartel, Bernice Koch (Noack), Audrey Ziersch (Hoffmann) Terri Byerley (Bubner)

Annual Reunion Weekend

Back to Concordia Morning

Friday 15 September 2017, Concordia College Chapel

4. L-R: Audrey Ziersch (Hoffmann '57), Marlene Plueckhahn (Male '59), Sue Spry (Kleinig '74), Lorraine Hetzel, Mostyn Hetzel ('67), Chris Leske, Everard Leske ('65), Ruth Eckermann (Hoffmann '56), Kevin Eckermann

Celebration Dinner incorporating Class of 1967 50 Year Reunion

Saturday 16 September 2017, The Suaviter, Concordia College

5. L-R: Sharyn Hansen, Mostyn Hetzel, Rob Hansen, Anthea Rothe (Nuske), Lorraine Hetzel, Margaret Zweck (Hentschke), Neil Borgas, Ian Charlton, Stephanie Borgas, Jeff Scott, Malcolm Post



Tell us about yourself

We love keeping in touch with old collegians and finding out where life has taken people since they finished at Concordia. To make a submission to Community magazine or to notify us of your change of details, contact Angela Warrick, COCA Liaison at awarrick@concordia.sa.edu.au or 08 8272 0444.



Scholarship applications now open

For more information visit our website
at www.concordia.sa.edu.au

Principal's Tours 2018

Concordia Campus (Years 7 – 12)

Thursday 22 February, Tuesday 20 March, Thursday
24 May, Tuesday 5 June, Thursday 16 August and
Tuesday 30 October

St John's Campus (ELC – Year 6)

Wednesday 21 February, Thursday 22 March,
Tuesday 15 May, Thursday 7 June, Tuesday 14 August
and Thursday 1 November

Book online at www.concordia.sa.edu.au