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## **From the Senior School Leader**

Over the last few weeks, all Year 10 and 11 students and their families, as well as a range of Senior School staff, have been involved in course counselling and making selections for learning programs for 2023. Truthfully, it doesn't seem that long ago that the 2022 College year began, with Year 9-11 students learning online for the first fortnight!

Across the many course counselling discussions I had, students tended to fall into two categories: those who have clear ideas about their future pathways, and those who do not. Given that our young people will work in jobs that don't exist yet and given that they may change careers a number of times over their working lives, it is no surprise that these decisions give pause for thought. What was almost exclusively true, though, was the sense of partnership between families and the College in the forward planning, with the student in the centre of the discussion. This is a key strategic focus for Concordia College for the foreseeable future: how can we further empower students to own their learning, plot their pathways and grab hold of the range of opportunities available to them to achieve their goals?

The introduction of the Futures Coordinator role in 2022 is one way we are seeking to upskill our students and community with the information needed to make decisions about their future. Mr Oppelaar meets regularly with individual students from Years 10-12 to explore career and future study possibilities and has facilitated a range of expert guest speakers this year from a variety of industries, including nursing, paramedicine, physiotherapy, speech pathology, medicine, architecture, graphic design, software development, animation and media, along with presentations about each of the universities, TAFE, the SATAC application process, how to develop a resume and how to prepare for an interview. Concordia students also have the chance to engage in a week of Work Experience and participate in mock interviews to build their work-ready skills.

Learning and achievement pathways in SACE are more flexible than ever, with students being able to gain access to preferred tertiary courses in myriad ways: through the ATAR, university entrance tests, and based on individual subject and Year 11 results. As a learning community, we must continue to look for ways to develop learners who are resilient and self-directed, and offer our students flexibility and choice.

On the topic of the future, at the time of writing, our Class of 2022 have just six weeks left before their final assessments are submitted and their final examinations begin. Some interesting statistics that may surprise you include:

- 50% of Year 12 subjects taught at Concordia have no examination
- six (out of 137) Year 12 students have no examinations
- nine Year 12 students have five examinations

- 94 Year 12 students have at least one e-examination
- 28 Year 12 students have only one examination

It has been a challenging year for the Class of 2022, with a range of adjustments required due to the pandemic. I applaud the efforts of our Year 12 students, and their teachers, to work their way through the year, and see the opportunities ahead of them, rather than those things that might have been lost. We pray that their final weeks at the College will be productive and fulfilling, and that they will end their time as Concordia College students in the knowledge that they are loved by God, and with excitement and anticipation about what lies ahead.

### **Daniel Wood**

Senior School Leader

Careers Awareness—Guest Speakers

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## **Q&A with Hannah Thiel, ELC Educator**

1. Where were you before this and what persuaded you to join Concordia College?

I previously worked at Navigator College Early Learning Centre in Port Lincoln before moving to Adelaide at the end of 2019. Having lived in Port Lincoln for most of my life, I decided it was time to make a change and I was fortunate enough to get a position working as an Educator in the Early Learning Centre at Concordia College in 2020.

2. Three words to describe you.

Genuine, thoughtful, creative.

3. What is your motivation or inspiration in your role?

I feel very grateful and blessed to work with children in the early years, they bring so much joy and enthusiasm to their learning. I work within a wonderful team in the ELC who inspire and encourage professional growth as an early years Educator every day.

4. If you had a superpower, what would it be?

If I had a superpower, I would grow more arms! Sometimes we need it in the ELC!

5. Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests and why? Alternatively, tell us something you might like to share that we could not possibly know?

If I could invite any six guests to a dinner party, I would invite my four grandparents, who are all sadly deceased, and my parents. I didn't get to meet two of my grandparents as they had both died before I was born and the other set lived interstate so it was hard to see them regularly. I

think it would be so fascinating and special to hear their life stories, learn from them and laugh with them. I believe intergenerational relationships are so important to have for shaping the future as we can learn from the older generations' wealth of knowledge.

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## **Q&A with Sue Ninham, Visual Art Teacher**

1. Where were you before this and what persuaded you to join Concordia College?

I have come to school teaching late in life. I have been a professional illustrator and visual artist for more than 30 years. I also taught at university for 15 years. In 2017 I completed my Masters of Teaching degree and since graduating have taught at a Catholic college and Adelaide Botanic High. I maintain a professional Visual Arts Practice whilst teaching part time at Concordia College. I was persuaded by a teaching colleague to apply for the Visual Art teaching position at Concordia.

2. Three words to describe you.

Creative, joyful, tenacious.

3. What is your motivation or inspiration in your role?

To impart the deep knowledge I have gained as a practising artist.

4. If you had a superpower, what would it be?

Boundless energy.

5. Who would you invite to a dinner party of six guests and why? Alternatively, tell us something you might like to share that we could not possibly know?

I would invite Tilda Swinton, Wes Anderson, Ed Harris, Sam Shepherd, Patti Smith and Joan Miro because each of these people influence me creatively.

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## **Father's Day Breakfast**

Castello's Cucina (formerly Damien on Fisher) was alive from 7.45am this morning when around 130 students, fathers, grandfathers and father figures enjoyed a delicious coffee and breakfast to celebrate Father's Day.

We were privileged to hear from Dr Chris Moy, immediate past President Australian Medical Association (SA), past Vice President Australian Medical Association and past parent.

Dr Chris Moy is a full-time General Practitioner from Adelaide. His specific interests include

aged care, palliative care and health communication systems.

His wife, Monika, also works in general practice, and they have two children, Tim and Natasha, who attended Concordia College.

Guests also enjoyed a fabulous performance by the Concordia College Testosterphones (our gentlemen's choir) and a heartfelt message from one of our School Captains, Nik Long, who acknowledged the incredible role and influence fathers have in the lives of their children.

We thank all who attended for helping to make this a wonderful College-wide celebration of the love, care and wisdom of the fathers, grandfathers and father figures in our community. We wish them a very happy Father's Day on Sunday.

**Angela Warrick**

Engagement and Events Manager

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## **Book Week 2022 - Dreaming with eyes open...**

### ELC and Primary School

'*Dreaming with eyes open*' was the theme for Book Week this year. Students engaged in a range of activities to celebrate this special week in the Resource Centre.

Rebecca from Pegi Williams Bookshop shared brand new books with the Year 3–6s and they chose books that they hoped would be purchased for the Resource Centre. We were able to purchase over 70 of these titles.

Mandy Foot, a local author and illustrator, met with ELC – Year 2 students, showing them her scrapbook of drawings and sharing about how she got started as an illustrator. She read one of the books with each year level and either drew with the students or invited them to help her with illustration ideas. The students thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

All students visited the Book Fair in the Resource Centre and ended the week dressing as a book character. There was a huge variety of characters – Minecraft, Harry Potter, Mary Poppins, Alice in Wonderland, Thing 1 & Thing 2, Snow White and the seven dwarves, Three Little Pigs, Cat in the Hat, Where's Wally, a dictionary and many more. The staff enjoyed dressing up as The Very Hungry Caterpillar as well.

During a couple of lunchtimes last week, a craft activity related to a shortlisted book was set up in the Resource Centre. A photo booth, including three cut out book face covers, has also been set up in the Resource Centre for students to have fun taking photos of each other.

**Nolene Gehling**

Resource Manager for Learning and Teaching

## Middle and Senior School

Last week we celebrated Book Week. This year's theme was: Dreaming with eyes open. Classes rotated through a range of activities, including book tastings, exploring virtual reality and solving bookish puzzles to the "BreakOut boxes". Many students participated in the lunchtime activities, including:

- lunchtime movie with popcorn
- sharing culture with Uncle Tamaru
- making dream catchers
- dream jars
- emoji book title challenges
- match the staff member with the book challenge
- a range of quizzes and puzzles.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the various activities and to the library staff and ICT team for organising the broad range of activities.

### **Hajnalka Molloy**

Learning Resources Manager

Pegi Williams Bookshop visit

Mandy Foot Illustrator visit

Mandy Foot Illustrator drawing lesson

Mandy Foot illustrator visit

Lunchtime activities

Book Week dress-up day

Lunchtime activity ☒—☒making dream catchers and dream jars

Book Fair

Book Fair

Virtual reality at the Middle and Senior School

Book Week photo booth

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## **Year 10 MYP Personal Project Exhibition**

Every year the Year 10 students engage in the Personal Project, the culminating activity of their journey through the Middle Years Programme. This project is student directed and focuses on:

- their ability to determine a learning goal
- a product to show they have achieved their learning goal
- articulation of the process, approaches to learning skills and impact of the project on themselves or others

The project is completed through a process journal, report and product. Students are required to spend around 25 hours completing the project, but often will do more than this as it is a project based on their own passions and strengths.

Every year we are blown away by the range and quality of projects and products that students are able to complete through this activity. Some key highlights included a resin skateboard, wooden propeller, embroidery, jewellery making, magazines, comics and the list goes on! These projects were on display in the library throughout Week 6 and it was great to see their amazing work celebrated.

**Emily Johnson**

Middle School Learning Leader

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## **Australia-New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge**

Round 1 of the Australia-New Zealand Brain Bee Challenge was a great success with nearly 3,000 students across Australia and New Zealand participating. The Brain Bee is run by the Australasian Neuroscience Society. It is a challenging competition for students in Year 10 to learn about the brain and its functions, learn about neuroscience research and much more.

We had four of our students qualify to participate in the Individual and Team Challenge of the South Australian State Final at Flinders University.

- **Luke (10JPID)**
- **Lily (10RSOM)**
- **Sienna (10MSMA)**
- **Levon (10JPID)**

The State Final was held in two parts, a formal individual competition and a face to face experience with live questioning for teams. Our team members worked so hard to prepare for the competition, answering over 12,000 questions about the brain. We were thrilled to place third in South Australia in the team competition. One of our students, Luke, was crowned overall State Champion. He will now proceed to represent South Australia at the National Final. Congratulations everyone on an incredible effort!

**Emma Rieger**

Enrichment and Extended Learning

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## **ELC to Year 6 Parent/Caregiver Event**

We are looking forward to the final event in our 'Canapes & Conversation' series - the ELC to

Year 6 Parents and Caregivers event on **Thursday 15 September at 5.30pm.**

[Book online](#) today - we hope to see you there!

A big thank you also goes to the P&F for kindly subsidising these events.

**Angela Warrick**

Engagement and Events Manager

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## **Year 11 and 12 Parent/Caregiver Event**

Thank you to all of our Year 11 and 12 parents and caregivers who attended our Canapes & Conversation event last Tuesday. It was fantastic to have parents and staff catching up in an informal setting.

A big thanks also to the P&F for kindly subsidising these events.

**Angela Warrick**

Engagement and Events Manager

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## **Year 3 and Year 6 Student Led Conferences**

It has been wonderful to have our Year 3 and Year 6 parent community back in the classrooms this term as students presented their learning during their Student Led Conferences. This key reporting opportunity enables students to develop confidence and self-management skills when sharing their successes and learning goals with their parents. We look forward to the Reception and Year 1 Student Led Conferences later this term.

**Rachel Muldoon**

Primary School Learning Leader

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## **Old Concordians assisting with Body Image Project**

Thanks to a number of Old Concordians who have agreed to assist with a research project on Body Image. Pictured here are OCA Committee Members Josh Martin (Class of 2020) and Emma Whyte (Class of 2018).

The project is part of an ongoing collaboration between Concordia, Flinders University, and

Bath University (UK). Together with our Year 12 Student Leaders, the team are developing an educational video for Year 10 students to discuss and counter unrealistic body image ideals in the media.

**Sue Spry**

Alumni Manager

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## **Primary School Sports Results**

Basketball

### **Tuesday 16 August**

Concordia Cats lost to the Suns: 1–26.

### **Wednesday 17 August**

Concordia Cyclones lost to St Aloysius Purple: 8–12.

### **Tuesday 24 August**

Concordia Cats defeated Plympton Primary: 16–8. Well done to Leo, Beau, Elliot and Jack who all scored points!

Netball

### **Monday 22 August**

Concordia Gold defeated Goodwood Thunderbolts: 25–4. Another comprehensive win from the Golden Girls, they had 20 goals at 3/4-time so the 'mercy rule' was put in place, giving the other team every centre pass. The girls threw bibs in the air and played whatever came their way with some shooting their first goals in a game. It was lots of fun!

### **Monday 29 August**

Concordia Gold defeated St Thomas Sharks: 11–7. A low scoring game in wet conditions but well played by all.

Concordia White defeated Parkside Pink: 11–3.

Soccer

### **Saturday 20 August**

Concordia Under 9 lost to St Leonard's: 1–3. It was a great effort by the kids, considering how incredibly tall the opposition team were.

Concordia Senior Primary B drew with St Leonard's: 2-2.

### **Saturday 27 August**

Concordia Senior Primary B defeated Bellevue Heights: 8-1.

Concordia Under 9s lost to Edwardstown: 1-5.

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## **Middle and Senior School Sports Results**

Boys' Sport

Basketball

### **Friday 19 August**

Year 7 Gold lost to Nazareth: 19-31. Best players: Liam and Jack.

Year 7 Blue - no game (opposition forfeit)

### **Saturday 20 August**

Senior A defeated Trinity College in the Grand Final: 47-43. Best players: Nick G and Noah D.

Middle A defeated Rostrevor in the Grand Final: 61-53. Best players: Darcy, Luke, Luca and Ronan.

Middle D defeated St Peters: 48-46.

Football

### **Wednesday 17 August**

Middles defeated Nazareth: 13.9 (87) - 9.7 (60). Goals: Louis 4, Archie 4, Jack 4 and Cooper 1. Best players: Louis, Archie, Jake, Jack, Jacob and Cooper.

Soccer

### **Saturday 20 August**

Senior B lost to Sacred Heart: 3-5. Goals: Adam, Liam and Tom R. Best players: Tom H, Fletcher and Lachlan R.

Middle A - no game (opposition forfeit)

Middle B - no game (opposition forfeit)

Year 7 - no game (opposition forfeit)

Girls' Sport

Football

### **Friday 19 August**

Senior A lost to Wilderness

Middle A defeated Wilderness: 31-15.

Middle B defeated Wilderness: 49-15.

### **Friday 26 August**

Senior A defeated Pulteney: 50-30.

Middle A - no game (opposition forfeit)

Middle B defeated Pulteney: 44-24.

Netball

### **Saturday 20 August**

Senior A defeated Wilderness: 56-32. Best players: Millie and Grace.

Senior B defeated Wilderness: 49-24. Best players: Hannah P and Laura.

Senior C/Inter C lost to Wilderness: 13-17. Best player: Lottie.

Inter A lost to Wilderness: 19-44. Best player: Amelia.

Inter B lost to Wilderness: 7-36. Best player: Chloe K.

Inter C/Senior C lost to Wilderness: 13-17. Best player: Lottie.

Year 9A defeated Wilderness: 55-26. Best players: Holly and Sophie.

Year 9B lost to Wilderness: 35-38. Best player: Phoebe.

Year 9 Gold defeated Immanuel: 25-7. Best player: Matilda S.

Year 8A lost to Wilderness: 33-39. Best player: Issy.

Year 8B defeated Wilderness: 55-7. Best player: Hallie.

Year 8 White defeated Pembroke: 49-3. Best player: Lila.

Year 8 Navy lost to Scotch: 24-27. Best players: Charlotte H and Charlotte T.

Year 8 Gold defeated Westminster: 27-1. Best players: Poppy, Emily and Alice.

Year 7 White defeated Wilderness: 49-11.

Year 7 Navy defeated Wilderness: 65-5. Best players: Amalie and Lexi.

Year 7 Gold lost to Pembroke: 14-16. Best player: Minnie.

### **Saturday 27 August**

Senior B defeated Pulteney: 59-19. Best players: Hannah S and Lucy K.

Inter A defeated Pulteney: 48-30. Best player: Amalia.

Inter C defeated Scotch: 45-34. Best players: Katie and Macy.

Year 9 Gold defeated Seymour: 46-14. Best player: Niamh.

Year 8 White defeated Pulteney: 32-8. Best player: Victoria.

Year 8 Navy - no game (opposition forfeit)

Year 7 White defeated Immanuel: 25-22. Best player: Becky W.

Year 7 Navy defeated Pulteney: 34-14. Best players: Ulani and Lexi.

Year 7 Gold defeated Scotch: 29-20. Best player: Emily.

Soccer

### **Wednesday 17 August**

Middles lost to Woodcroft: 2-0.

### **Wednesday 10 August**

Middles defeated Pembroke.

Mixed Sport

Hockey

### **Wednesday 17 August**

Middles defeated St Ignatius: 2-1. Goals: James. Best players: James, Fergus, Emily, Sam M and Fletcher.

### **Wednesday 24 August**

Middles lost to Pembroke: 3-0.

## Sport Carnivals

### Open Girls KO Basketball - Friday 26 August

#### Game 1

Concordia defeated Trinity: 18-17. Highest scorers: Amy 12 and Amalia 4. Best players: Amy and Amalia.

#### Game 2

Concordia defeated Unley: 24-21. Highest scorers: Amy 14 and Amalia 4. Best players: Amy and Issy.

#### Game 3

Concordia lost to Westminster: 18-28. Highest scorers: Amy 12, Macy 5 and Sophie 5. Best players: Sophie and Amy.

#### Game 4

Concordia lost to Sacred Heart: 20-33.

#### Coach's Report

On Friday 26 August, the Senior Girls' Basketball team participated in the knockout competition. In the first game Trinity built an early lead, which they maintained for most of the game. With less than 50 seconds left, Concordia was down by five, but a free throw and a quick score cut the lead to two points. Trinity attempted to hold the ball for the last 20 seconds, but Concordia managed to come up with a big steal which led to an open three pointer to win by one point.

Concordia came out firing in the second game, leading by 10 at halftime. Unley threw everything at us in the second half and took the lead by one point with 30 seconds left. Again, another big three pointer in the final moments saw Concordia secure their second win.

In the final game, Westminster established a double-digit lead early. Concordia continued to battle and on multiple occasions cut the lead to 4 points. Despite our best efforts, Westminster came away with the win.

The top two teams in each group were to advance and there was a three-way tie at the top with Concordia, Unley and Westminster all finishing with two wins. Unfortunately, due to point difference, Concordia ended up finishing third in the pool stage.

Coaches Laura Hodges and Kristopher Nicola couldn't be more proud of the way the girls played and represented the College. We thank them for all the time and effort they put in preparing for the tournament and congratulate them on their achievements.

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## Planning a move? Please let us know!

Considering a move to another school is a significant decision. We value your family being part of our community. As a College, we will always seek to work with you for positive connection. If you are uncertain about continuing at Concordia next year, in the first instance, we invite you to reach out and arrange a time to discuss your situation with either of our Principals – Michael Paech (Primary Campus) and Dennis Mulherin (Middle/Senior Campus) - or our Director of Community Relations, Jodie Escott. We hope that through this conversation, we gain a clearer appreciation of your family's specific needs and considerations.

If you do make a decision to leave Concordia, please be aware that in line with the Enrolment Policy – if your child is leaving the College at the end of 2022, we require one full term's notice to avoid penalties. We understand that this may not always be possible, but sincerely appreciate your assistance with future planning. Withdrawal notification for 2022 should be received no later than close of business Friday 30 September 2022 and should be sent to the Principal of the relevant campus:

- Michael Paech, Principal ELC to Year 6 (Primary Campus)
- Dennis Mulherin, Principal Year 7 to Year 12 (Middle/Senior Campus)

Email all information to [enrolments@concordia.sa.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@concordia.sa.edu.au)

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## Student Achievements

Congratulations to **Marco (8JLOM)** who finished first in all the Brass Sections of the Adelaide Eisteddfod recently. This is a remarkable achievement – well done, Marco!

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Wednesday 7	ELC Bush Day
Friday 9	Student Free Day (Staff Professional Development)
Sunday 11	Reception Class Connector Dads' Event, Little Bang Brewing Co., Tap Room, Stepney
Wednesday 14	ELC and Primary School extra-curricular photos
Thursday 15	ELC to Year 6 Parents/Caregivers Canapes & Conversation event, The Grand Hall, Living Choice, 5.30-7pm   <a href="#">Book online</a>
Friday 16	Reception Class Connector Coffee Catch Up, Nature's Providore, Duthy St, 8.45-9.45am
Sunday 25	Year 3 and 4 School Service, 10am
Friday 30	Term 3 ends, 1pm
October	
Saturday 8	Reception Class Connector Family Event, Holey Moley Golf Club, Level 1/162-170 Pulteney St, Adelaide
Monday 17	Term 4 commences
Friday 21	Year 3 Class Connector Dads' Event at Holey Moley Golf Club, Time TBA
Saturday 29	Year 6 Class Connector Ladies' Lunch at Bloom Cafe

## Middle and Senior School

September

Mon 29 August - Fri 2 September	MYP Personal Project Exhibition
Thursday 1	P&F Father's Day Breakfast, Living Choice, 123 Fisher St, Fullarton, 7.45am   <a href="#">Book online</a>
Friday 2	Senior Vocal Cabaret ( <b>SOLD OUT</b> ), Arkaba Hotel, doors open at 6.30pm
Wednesday 7	Old Concordians' Association Year 12 Breakfast
Friday 9	Student Free Day (Staff Professional Development)
Monday 12	Year 7 Grandparents and Special Friends' Day
Mon 12 - Fri 16	Year 12 Trial Exams
Thursday 15	Developing Minds online presentation for Year 11 parents/caregivers, 7pm
Sat 24 - Sun 25	Pedal Prix 24-hour race at Murray Bridge
Sunday 25	Concordia in Concert, Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga
Mon 26 - Fri 30	Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 30	Term 3 ends, 1pm
October	
Monday 17	Term 4 commences
Wednesday 19	Year 12 Final Service, 8.30-9.20am
Wednesday 26	Valedictory Service, 7-9pm

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## The School Shop

**General trading – no appointment required. Physical distancing rules apply and masks are requested. We thank you for your patience during this time.**

- Mondays: 8am - 4pm
- Wednesdays: 12.30pm - 4pm
- Thursdays: 12.30pm - 6.15pm (new later finish time)

Email orders are also welcome and purchases may be collected from The School Shop during opening hours. Please email: [schoolshop@concordia.sa.edu.au](mailto:schoolshop@concordia.sa.edu.au) and include:

- your child's name and year level
- size
- your contact details

The School Shop staff will contact you for payment and advise when your order is available to collect.

#### Uniform Orders

Students in Years 7-12 are emailed to advise when their orders are ready to be collected. For students in ELC-Year 6, email advice is sent to parents.

#### Naming Uniforms

Iron-on garment labels available for \$3 per 10 labels. Please ensure you clearly label all uniform items with student surname. Position labels on the inside back neck for tops and dresses and on the inside back of waistband for pants and skirts. If using markers for labelling, please be aware names fade during washing and will need to be checked and relabelled regularly.

The School Shop staff can be contacted on the direct phone line during opening hours – **8291 9302**.

#### Secondhand Clothing

If you have uniforms you no longer need, they may be donated or sold on consignment in The School Shop ([click to download a secondhand uniforms consignment form](#)).

Please note:

- Blazers and winter skirts/pinafores must be dry cleaned with a receipt attached.
- Jumpers must be washed using a wool wash detergent.
- All other items must be in good condition, stains removed, washed and ironed ready for sale.
- Summer hats must be hand washed.
- Any uniform items in need of repair e.g. broken zips, seams unstitched, missing buttons, etc. must be repaired prior to acceptance for sale. Buttons are sold in The School Shop.
- Garments presented on hangers are preferred.
- Old logo and discontinued styles – uniforms with the old school logo and discontinued styles are no longer saleable in The School Shop but can be dropped off for overseas charity donation.

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## Public Notices & Events

- Registrations are open to join the **Adelaide Junior Bulldogs Cricket** teams (Under 10s and Under 12s). [Download a flyer](#) for more information.

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