



## Our Values

- Happiness
- Respect
- Honesty
- Personal Best
- Cooperation



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CONCORD  
SCHOOL



## Our Vision

The vision of the school community encompasses a commitment to excellence in education for students with additional learning needs. This is achieved through a curriculum which integrates Information Communication Technology with best practice in teaching and learning.



Concord School is a P-12 specialist school for students with additional learning needs. It provides a safe and supportive learning environment where students are challenged to achieve and reach their full potential.

The students are taught the mainstream AusVELS (Level A-Year 10) and VCAL (Year 11-12) curriculum however the educational pathway of each student is specifically tailored, through the use of Individual Learning Plans, to meet their targeted learning needs. The students are supported through extensive resourcing, small class sizes of 8-12, education support staff in each classroom and specialised staff including a school nurse, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, student wellbeing and careers coordinators.

Students in the Primary School attend the Watsonia Campus (Lower Primary) or the Bundoora Campus (Upper Primary). The Bundoora Campus also accommodates students from Year 7 to Year 12 in the Secondary School.

Catering for students with additional learning needs



## Teaching and Learning

Learning at Concord School is personalised to cater for individual abilities, learning styles and interests.

- English, mathematics and digital technologies are the foundations of all curriculum areas
- Specific Early Years, Middle Years and Later Years (VCAL and Applied Learning) programs
- Specialist programs including performing arts, physical education, visual arts, social competencies, food technology, library and careers education
- Extensive excursion and camping program
- School band and choir
- Meet the Teacher evening
- Individual Learning Plans
- Detailed student reports
- Student Support Group meetings
- Teaching and Learning and eLearning coaches



## Resources

An extensive range of resources supports student learning across the school.

- Attractive and well equipped play areas
- Well resourced, computerised library
- Modern food technology and canteen facilities
- Air conditioned classrooms
- Discovery Learning Centre (Technology)
- Performing Arts Centre and Gymnasium
- Six school buses
- Free private bus transport between home and school for students who reside in zone
- Before and After School Care

## Student Wellbeing

A supportive school environment where the learner builds upon success.

- Small class sizes
- Occupational Therapists
- Speech Pathologists
- Student Wellbeing Coordinators
- School nurse
- Non-Teaching Team Leaders for each section
- Three Assistant Principals, one of whom is dedicated to Student and Staff Support
- Duke of Edinburgh program
- Student leadership programs
- A whole school framework to address issues of bullying, harassment and child protection

## Digital Technologies

Digital technologies are integral to all teaching and learning.

- Whole school networked
- Netbooks, notebooks, Macs, iPads
- Interactive whiteboards and projectors in every classroom
- Individual device for each student Years 7-12
- Discovery Centre including Radio Station, Film Studio, Editing Suite, Multi-sensory Interactive Learning Environment, Sensory Room
- Digital cameras, scanners, portable music devices, 3D printer, robot
- Digital portfolios
- Educational software
- School website and Facebook page

## Our Community

We recognise the strong link between home and school. This partnership is encouraged and valued. The school welcomes parents/carers to join with teachers to provide the best possible learning environment.

Regular communication and opportunities for involvement in the school community enables families to share in their child's education. Parents/carers can involve themselves through parent/carer groups, School Council and other activities that support the school and community.

## Careers and Transitioning Initiatives

Students are successfully transitioned into further education and training, transition to employment and leisure programs when they leave school.

- Secondary School (Year 11-12) teaching team including Careers and Transitions Coordinator (CICA qualified Careers Counsellor) and Careers teacher
- Individualised Career counselling and support for students and families
- Secondary School (Year 11-12) programs (VCAL, Applied Learning, VETiS, Post School Connections program, Vocational Education, learning partnerships with external service providers)
- FFYA (Futures For Young Adults) Program
- Work Placement/Work Experience
- Post School Options Transitioning Programs
- Links with Employment Services and Community Support Networks
- Managed Individual Pathways program
- Career Action Plans (Year 9-12)
- Career and Leisure Expos

