

## From our Principal, Mr David Harriss

Welcome to the end of Term 1, and what a transformation the school has had!

In week 1 we welcomed our students back, and our new Year 8's to what was essentially a building site. We were able to access our newly refurbished Food Technology suite early in the term, followed by the Knowledge corridor, and most recently the Courage (or Science) corridor. What a difference it has made. Science have nearly completed returning all their equipment and resources into their new locations, and science activities and experiments have begun again in earnest. As we put this publication to air, the Creative Arts Centre, Woodwork, Metalwork and Automotive are being fitted out with their equipment with the aim that they too will be used from the start of Term 2. To say it has been a logistical challenge is certainly an understatement! The central plaza is also being finalised with landscaping, shade, and seating near the relocated canteen to be finalised over the holidays. Our final "transportable" buildings which have been used as temporary Woodwork and Music will be removed during the holidays as will our old canteen. The school will certainly look completely different next term!

Whilst this has all been progressing, our focus on quality teaching and learning has continued unabated, and the results of the teachers and students work will be evident in the reports that will be released on DayMap at the end of the term. On the first Wednesday of week 1 next term (April 28), we will be having a Parent/Teacher evening for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Information about how to book in with your teachers will be coming home soon (you may already have received this).

Next term, NAPLAN testing for our Year 9's is scheduled for weeks 3 and 4. I want to stress that this is a process to gauge where our students are in their learning and is not to create stress and anxiety amongst our students and parents. We simply ask that students do their best, to reflect their learning up to this point in time. We use the results of this test to help determine where our learning focus needs to be as a school. Individual results have no impact on a child's future or goals, in fact helps us support them in their future learning. I would ask all students and parents to take a positive approach to these tests.

Our Year 8's are starting to look forward to their Camp next term, as do all of the staff here at school. This cohort of students have started the year well, despite the challenges of the building that is going on, and I look forward to their continued growth, both academically and socially.

I would like to commend the staff and students for the way they have all continued to create a successful learning environment this term, and the tremendous support from our parents and carers. Please have a great break, keep viewing and sharing our Facebook posts, and I look forward with much enthusiasm to next term.

Cheers  
David Harriss



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### Calendar Dates

#### Term 1

##### Week 11

Friday 9th April  
- Last Day of Term 1  
- Early Dismissal at 2:10pm

#### Term 2

##### Week 1

Monday 26th April  
- Anzac Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 27th April  
- First day of term 2  
- Principal Tour 9am  
- Ice Factor Excursion

Wednesday 28th April  
- Parent Teacher Interviews

##### Week 2

Monday 3rd May  
- Principal Tour 3.45pm

Tuesday 4th May  
- Principal Tour 9am  
- Ice Factor Excursion

##### Week 3

Monday 10th May  
- Year 8 Woodhouse Camp, returning 12th May  
- Principal Tour 3.45pm

Tuesday 11th May  
- Principal Tour 9am  
- Ice Factor Excursion  
- Governing Council Meeting

# OPEN NIGHT 2021

We were very excited to host our “Covid Safe” Open Night on March 22, after having to cancel at the last minute in 2020. Hundreds of local families came to explore our new facilities and meet our staff. Our student leaders did us proud by assisting families and answering questions all evening. We also thank our Governing Council parents who came along meet and talk with potential new parents providing a perspective on the school that only they can. We are feeling very positive about the next few years with enrolments increasing every year.

Lee Knight  
Deputy Principal



## YEAR 10 IMMUNISATIONS

We have recently been made aware of changes to the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination advice, that concerns those students who may have received a Meningococcal ACWY vaccination prior to turning 14 years of age.

On the Year 10 consent form it indicated that if a Meningococcal ACWY had previously been given a further dose was not required. The information we now have is that if a student has previously been vaccinated prior to turning 14 a further dose is required.

In the event that a parent has given a NO consent based on the consent form information concerning a previously given ACWY vaccine, they will be contacted by a HAIMS nurse.

Follow-up visits for immunisations have been booked for the following dates and year levels:

### Year Level

Year 08

Year 10

### Visit 1

Wednesday, 31 March 2021

Friday, 21 May 2021

### Visit 2

Wednesday, 13 October 2021

Thursday, 29 July 2021

# SAVE THE DATE

## Caregiver/Student/Teacher interviews

Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>

3:30pm to 6:30pm

10 min interviews

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Parents to book via a link to the School Interviews app sent by email.

Call reception if you have any queries: 8301 8000



## UPDATING EMAILS / ADDRESS / MOBILE PHONE

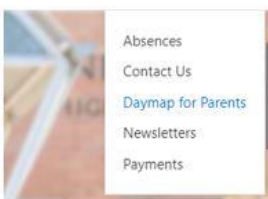
For any changes to your personal details please either email the school at [dl.0965.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0965.info@schools.sa.edu.au), or contact the front office on 8301 8000.

This assists the school to contact you in the event of an emergency and helps us keep you updated on all events and news.

## DOWNLOADING INSTRUCTIONS REPORTS

### STEP 1

Special Programs ▾ Stay In Touch ▾



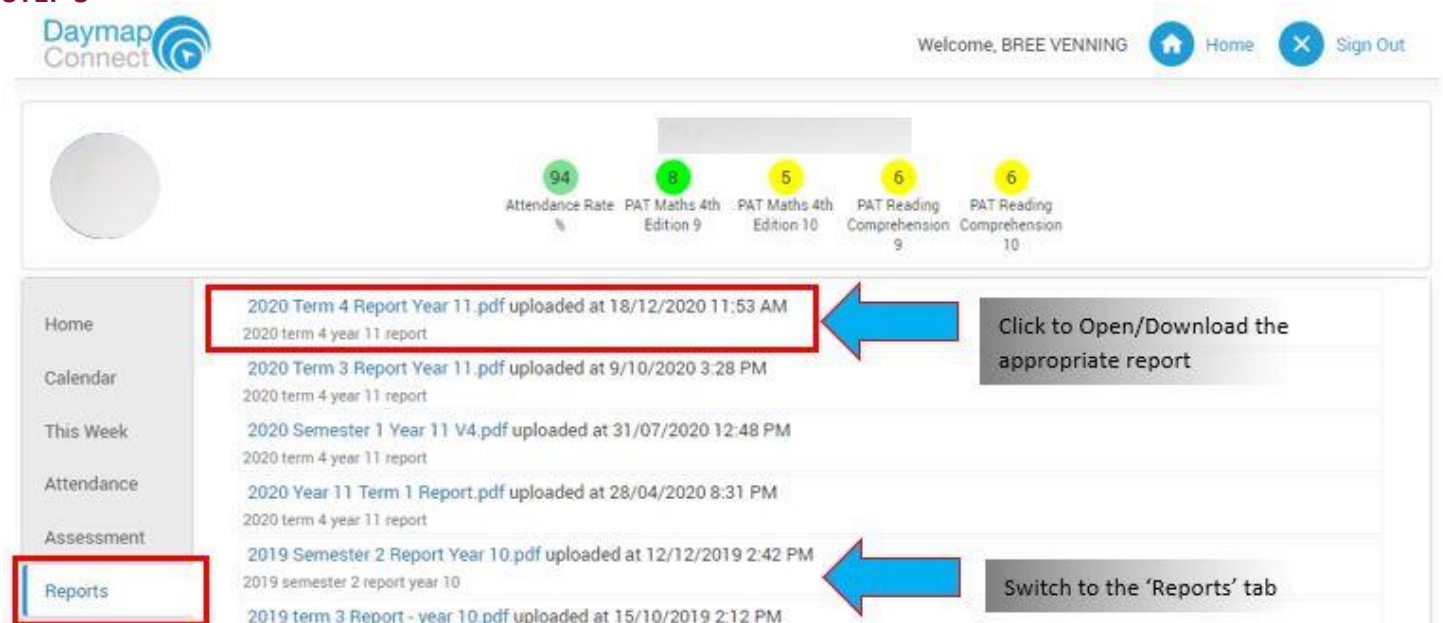
Visit [www.underdale.sa.edu.au](http://www.underdale.sa.edu.au)

Navigate to the 'Stay in Touch' tab, and click 'Daymap For Parents'

### STEP 2



### STEP 3



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# UNIFORM

## Ready, Set, GO

Be prepared for the winter months and purchase all your child's uniform needs over the April school holidays!

Underdale High School takes great pride in its uniform, and is also strongly supported by our school community. Students are expected to wear correct uniform at all times.

Devon Clothing are the suppliers of the Underdale High School Uniform and during the month of April all in store purchases are by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

### In Store Purchases (for the month of April, by APPOINTMENT ONLY)

Devon Clothing Edwardstown  
84 Daws Road, Edwardstown

If you require to purchase a uniform in the month of April, book an appointment online at:  
<https://onlineshop.devonclothing.com.au/underdalehs>

### Online Ordering

Of course, if you prefer to shop from the comfort of your chair Online Ordering is always available. All orders placed online can still be returned or exchanged if you get the sizing wrong.

Purchase online at:

<https://onlineshop.devonclothing.com.au/underdalehs>

Parents/caregivers have 3 options available for purchases placed online:

1. Deliver to Underdale High School front office, allow 7 business days
  - NO delivery fee
  - Not available in the months of December 2020 or January 2021
2. Collect from Edwardstown, 84 Daws Road, allow 3 business days
  - NO delivery fee
3. Deliver to personal address, allow 5 business days
  - Delivery fee \$9.95 orders under \$200
  - NO delivery fee for orders over \$200

Refer to our website for the full details regarding the school uniform: <https://www.underdale.sa.edu.au/uniform/>



# ABSENCES

## What to do if your child is LATE or ABSENT?

Please report all lateness and absences via: Email: [dl.0965.support@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0965.support@schools.sa.edu.au) OR  
Telephone Student Services: 8301 8008

***It is a requirement of the Department for Education  
that all student absences are explained by a parent/caregiver.***

### Attendance Expectations

School commences at 8.35 am each day and finishes at 3.10, except Monday, when the school day starts at 9.45 pm. All students who arrive/depart outside of these times must provide an explanation from a parent/caregiver when signing in/out of Students Services.

Acceptable explanations for absence will only include:

- Illness (Year 11/12 absences from summative assessment must be accompanied with a valid medical certificate).
- Illness (3 or more consecutive days must be verified by a medical certificate).
- Medical/dental appointments that cannot be made out of school hours (verified by appointment card).
- Family trauma/bereavement (parent/caregiver note).
- Days of religious or cultural significance.
- Other reasons accepted by the Principal.

On any day a student is absent or late and there has been NO notification to the school, an SMS message will be sent to the first contact parent/caregiver mobile phone number, informing them of the absence. Parents/caregivers can reply to this SMS with a valid reason for student absence. A parent/caregiver note can also be supplied to the home group teacher on the return of your child.

### Early Departure

All students leaving school early must have a written signed note from a parent/caregiver. This note must explain the reason for the early departure and shown to Student Services before signing out. No student will be signed out without written-parental/caregiver permission. Student Services will contact parents/caregivers if verbal permission is required.

### Are you planning a family holiday?

Students who are absent from school for more than 3 days for a family holiday or reasons other than illness need to complete an Exemption Form. This form can be collected from the Front Office and must be completed by each subject teacher and **approved** by the Principal BEFORE your child takes leave.

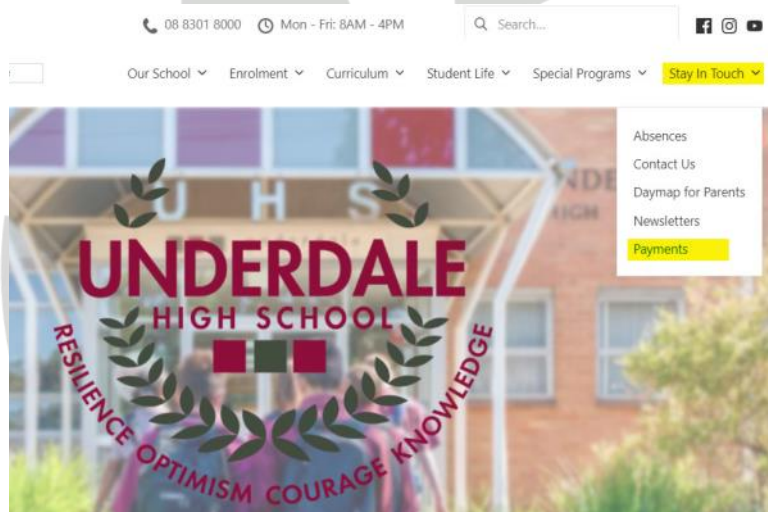
## ONLINE PAYMENTS

### Update

For families who like to make payments to the school via our online BPOINT facilities, please note you can now find the link via our main menu...

Stay in Touch - Payments - then scroll down until you see the BPOINT logo. From there you can click the link and follow the instructions.

Thank you for working with us as we transition to the our new website.





# WESTERN ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

## 18th March, Term 1

With many students unavailable due to excursions and the Underdale Cup, a small but determined group of Underdale athletes took to the track and field for the WZ athletics carnival.

While some of our students recorded podium finishes (see list below), it was our quiet achievers who repeatedly demonstrated our school values, from completing a race injured to filling in for a team mate or supporting our staff in adjudicating field events.



Amani Abed, Kaitlin Potter, Zac Richmond, Lauren Jenkins, AJ Maddison, Jess, Katie and Hayley Corns, Jake Vlahos and Daniel Manka were inspirational in their ability to participate with humility, no fuss and a whole heap of heart. Your efforts did not go unnoticed!

Thank you to Stana, Mr DK, Mr Daddow and Mr Hilditch for supporting our awesome students on the day.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

### U14 BOYS 1500M

INDIE DE JONG - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE 4:59.00

### U16 GIRLS 1500M

YAZZMIN HANS - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE 6:42.00

JESSICA CORNS - 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE 10:24.00

### OPEN BOYS 1500M

JAKE VLAHOS - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE 5:20.00

### U14 BOYS 200M

ZAC RICHMOND - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE 26.11

### U14 GIRLS 200M

KAITLIN POTTER - 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE 30.97

### U14 BOYS 400M

ZAC RICHMOND - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE 59.44

### U14 GIRLS 400M

KAITLIN POTTER - 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE 1:09.66

### U16 GIRLS 800M

KATIE RAGGETT - 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE 3:57.79

JESSICA CORNS - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE 4:50.27

### OPEN BOYS 800M

MIKESON LATONA - 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE 2:21.27

### OPEN GIRLS 800M

HAYLEY JAY CORNS - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE  
4:33.26

### U15 GIRLS DISCUS

KAYLA SULISTYO - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE 16.3

### OPEN BOYS HIGH JUMP

JAKE VLAHOS - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE 1.65

### OPEN GIRLS HIGH JUMP

AALIYAH FALCO - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE 1.19

### U15 BOYS SHOT PUT

JONAH SYDENHAM-CHEER - 2<sup>ND</sup>  
PLACE 11.21

### U15 GIRLS SHOT PUT

KAYLA SULISTYO - 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE 7.21

### U16 BOYS SHOT PUT

ALDOUS ERGINA - 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE 10.8

### OPEN BOYS SHOT PUT

SETH GIROLAMO - 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE 10.8

### OPEN BOYS TRIPLE JUMP

MOHAMMAD MOHTASHIMA - 3<sup>RD</sup>  
PLACE 10.46



## OTHER PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS...



### Stage 2 Aquatics

In Week 8 Term1, Mr Davies and Hilditch's Year 12 PE classes engaged in a 3-day kayaking course at the West lakes Aquatic Centre. Unlike previous years, the seniors enjoyed glorious, warm weather as they learned, practiced and executed a variety of kayaking techniques. Using GoPro's, students were filmed pre and post skill development to analyse footage for their upcoming biomechanics task.

### Community Sporting Achievements

Year 12 students Albin Mehja and Jake Vlahos have both won their Boxing SA State Championship bouts, representing the Fortus Team Gym. Albin was victorious in the Welterweight division while Jake dominated the Light Heavyweight class. We wish both boys luck as they progress to the National Championships later this month.



## YEAR 9 EXCURSION

### Adelaide University Campus Experience

On Thursday 18th March, 24 Year 9 Students attended Adelaide University's first Year 9 Campus Experience Day. The day was developed to provide an opportunity to have a first-hand experience of 'uni life', guided by current uni students, all undertaking various degrees from Environmental Science to International Relations. The day started with a presentation about the degrees offered at Adelaide Uni, the various pathways that lead people to want to study at university and the opportunities that can be gained through people's studies, including scholarship programs and overseas travel. Students were treated to a full tour of the university, a highlight included witnessing dental students in action.

Our students participated in learning activities about plastic pollution and the long-term risks to our oceans, animals and environment and later in the day were challenged by the animal behavioural science team, becoming the guinea pigs themselves and learning about the click training method.

It was a great day, the students were highly engaged; the bus ride home was abuzz with students discussing what they would be keen to study after school and it is safe to say they thoroughly enjoyed their university experience.



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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCURSION

## Cleland Wildlife Park

On March 26, our international students attended an excursion with Mr Savvas and Ms Filsell.

The day began with a some close up observations and interactions with Python's; crocodile's; Rainbow lorikeet's; Bearded Dragon's and Ring Tailed Possum's. Koala close-up then ensued with each student having the opportunity to pet and have their photo taken with a friendly koala. Mr Savvas cooked a BBQ lunch and then, students had the opportunity for personal exploration in which many of them fed kangaroos, bilby's, potoroos and lots more!



## WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY

### Interesting Facts Display

Visit the library to read all about Egyptian Innovations which are still being utilized today. Just amazing....



### Soccer Autobiographies

We have doubled our collection of Soccer Autobiographies. If you were unable to borrow your favourite book, visit the Resource Centre now to collect a copy.

**See our new Soccer Autobiographies and Senior Fiction Sections**

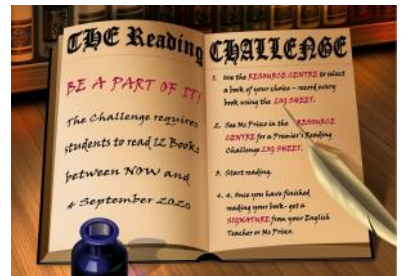
### Senior Fiction

All year 11 and 12 students are welcome to borrow from our new Senior Fiction Section here in the Resource Centre. Please speak to our friendly staff if you have any specific requests.



## The Premier's Reading Challenge

Join the Underdale High School Reading Challenge, entry forms available from the library.

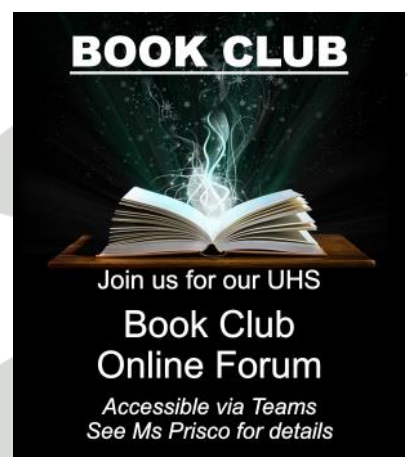


## Library Book Challenge Competition

Don't forget to join the competition. All entry forms are located at the library service desk.

## UHS Book Club Forum


All students are invited to join the UHS Book Club online to discuss the books



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AM	9:00-10:30	Lesson One
	11:00-12:30	Lesson Two
PM	2:00-3:30	Museo Italiano
	3:30-5:30	Italian pasta making class
	6:00-8:00	Bocce tournament

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## SA 3 DAY CAMPS

Westminster School, Marion  
April 12, 13, 14

### AFL, NETBALL, SOCCER

The SA Camp, Marion features a three day coaching program for ages 5-15 from an experienced coaching panel with special guest coaches also attending

**Special guests: Tilly Garrett, Laura Johns, Richard Douglas and many more!**

# Climate Ready Communities

## 2 session workshops

### Learn how to be climate ready in your community.

People of all ages and backgrounds in the western suburbs of Adelaide are welcome to attend.

The training will cover:

- climate change overview and projections
- how to adapt and reduce impacts
- individual and community actions
- motivating others to prepare
- making a plan and next steps.

See reverse for details on session times, costs and how to book.

This project is presented by the Australian Red Cross and supported by AdaptWest - a partnership between Cities of Charles Sturt, Port Adelaide Enfield and West Torrens.



Training will be held on the following dates:

Session 3: Kilburn Community Centre (9:30am-1pm)

PART 1 - Saturday 8th May

PART 2 - Saturday 15th May

Session 4: On The Green, Brompton (11am-2:30pm)

PART 1 - Saturday 19th June

PART 2 - Saturday 26 June.

Bookings can be made through Eventbrite at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and search 'Climate Ready Communities'. A DL flyer is also attached if schools would like to have some flyers on display.



# YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022



## Parent Update

### Week 10, Term 1 – 2021

#### Preparing for year 7 in high school in 2022

We know many families of our year 6 and 7 students are busy exploring their local high school options for 2022. Next year will be unique, with a double cohort of students starting high school together as they enter years 7 and 8. The once-only move is necessary as we move year 7 to high school in public schools across the state.

Our primary and high schools are working together at every level to ensure the move is successful for families. Here are some of the key benefits to your child beginning high school in Year 7.

#### Learning opportunities

All South Australian students learn the Australian Curriculum, which was designed for year 7s to be taught in high school, as it is interstate. High school settings provide more specialist facilities to enhance learning, such as science laboratories, performing arts spaces and kitchens. They also offer teachers who are subject-specific experts, and a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

#### A nation-wide move

Moving our year 7 students into high school brings South Australia in line with other states. Queensland and Western Australia most recently made the move in 2015. It also aligns our public school system with the Catholic and independent school sectors, which also teach year 7 in high school. Taking a cohesive approach to the start of high school promotes equity and makes it easier to move between states and school sectors, should you need to do so.

#### Year 7s are ready for high school

We know from the experiences of schools interstate and from our own pilot schools that year 7s are well and truly ready for high school.

This finding has been reinforced by the pilot program run through the Department for Education, involving three high schools, which welcomed their first cohort of year 7 students last year. We have been tracking the students' progress through interviews and surveys. The vast majority have enjoyed making new friends, trying new sports and activities and learning in a more mature environment.

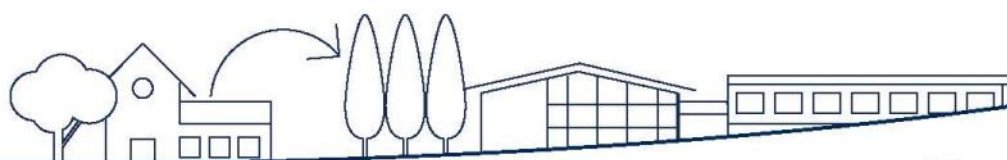
#### We are ready for the move

Planning is well underway to ensure the move of year 7 to high school is well-managed and considered. We are drawing on our pilot program insights and what we have learnt from Queensland and Western Australia to ensure the move is as smooth as possible.

#### Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: [www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS).

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: [Year7toHS@sa.gov.au](mailto:Year7toHS@sa.gov.au).



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