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# UHSnews

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## From our Principal, Mr David Harriss

Hello to all our valued school community!

There are 5 weeks left of this term, 5 weeks where students can make a difference to their learning and achievements. I seek the support of all families in encouraging improved learning habits in our students, both at school and home.

We have made excellent progress in addressing our Site Improvement Goals for 2021. In Reading, students are engaging with a range of texts types, written, visual and audible. Students are using subject specific vocabulary successfully in context and there is evidence of the use of more complex words (Tier 1 and 2) is becoming more commonplace. In Mathematics, classes are using common assessment tasks, enabling teachers to moderate work and have common standards and expectations. In seeking improved Subject Grades, students are becoming more aware of what they are learning and why, understanding how successful they are being before they get their end of term grades, know how they can improve their learning and where to go for help. We are looking forward to seeing improvements in our whole school data because of these and other changes we are making at classroom and student level.

As we move into the colder months, I ask that families support our uniform policy, a policy that has responded to parent requests through the governing council. Students are allowed to wear non-uniform clothing that protects them from the inclement weather to and from school, but need to remove them once at school and placed in their lockers.

If you have paid attention to our Facebook page, you would be aware of the progress we are making in our building works. We now have access to the brand new Creative Arts Centre, the Human Physical Performance workshop and our re-developed Technical Studies workshops and Tennis courts. There are still a few final changes to apply, but they are all functional. The back of the school looks great, and it is now hard to imagine what it used to look like! The Car Park and Administration block are due for completion by the end of the term, and we have just handed over the last part of the school (Resilience) for renovation. It is planned that all building will be completed by halfway through next term, two months ahead of schedule. It has been challenging for the whole school community, but well worth the short-term pain for long term gain.

I look forward to the first Semester concluding in a flurry of learning and work completion that will springboard our students into an even more successful Semester 2.

David Harriss



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### Calendar Dates

#### Term 2

##### Week 6

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June  
- Year 11 Exam Week

Wednesday 2nd June  
- Whole School Assembly

##### Week 7

Tuesday 8th June  
- Unplugged Parent Program 6-8pm

##### Week 8

Monday 14th June  
- Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th June  
- Principals Tour 9am  
- Governing Council Meeting

##### Week 10

Thursday 1st July  
- Last day Term 2,  
early dismissal 2.15pm  
- Newsletter

Friday 2nd July  
- Pupil Free Day

#### Term 3

##### Week 1

Monday 19th July  
- First Day Term 3, 9.45am start

Tuesday 20th July  
- Ice Factor Excursion



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# HOMework CLUB

Are you frustrated  
always having to tell  
them to do their  
homework at home?

Would you like your  
child to receive further  
support with their  
studies?

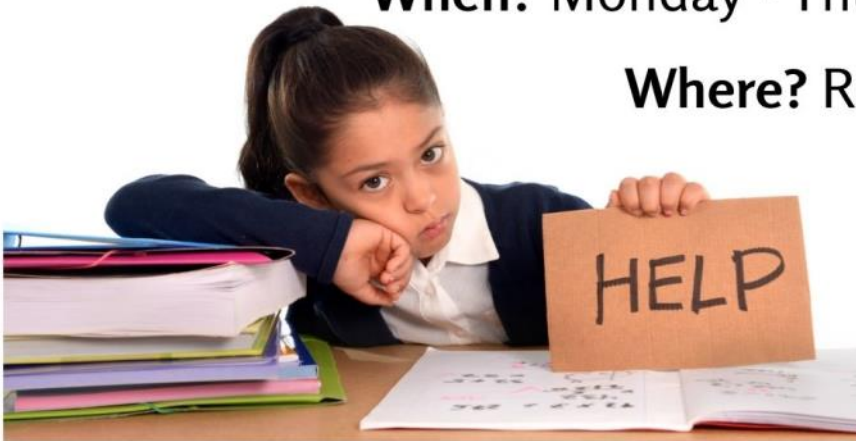
How often do you hear your  
child saying "I've got no  
homework", but then their  
DayMap is full of  
unsubmitted tasks?

**LET US HELP!**

**When?** Monday - Thursday, 3:10pm - 4:00pm

**Where?** Resource Centre

Teachers and support  
staff are available during  
this time





# SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL

## GRANDFINAL WINNERS!

What an amazing team we have here, they displayed brilliant team and leadership skills with abundant resilience to bring home the win.

Well done team! You should all be very proud of yourselves as we are sure your families are and we are too.



## 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.

# FOOTBALL ACADEMY UNIFORM ORDERS



## Due Friday 28th May

Attention Football Academy Students:

We have recently updated our Uniform Ordering system. This can now be located on the school website via the link, on either the Uniform or Football Academy pages.

The academy only places uniform orders at specific times of year, the final order for 2021 will be placed shortly. We request that all students requiring uniform items please place their orders by Friday 28th May.

All payments will be made online and you will be required to attach a copy of your receipt of payment to submit your order.

Thank you in advance for working with us through this transition to a new system. We hope it serves you all.

Follow this link to place your order:

<https://www.underdale.sa.edu.au/football-academy-uniform/>

Kindest regards

Football Academy Team

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## YEAR 8 WOODHOUSE CAMP

Our annual Year 8 Camp to Woodhouse Activity Centre was, yet again, a huge success! Students developed their skills in leadership, collaboration, communication and resilience through a wide range of activities which involved a healthy mix of teamwork and individual effort. Woodhouse offered beautiful surroundings and an opportunity for the students to be both challenged and have fun at the same time.



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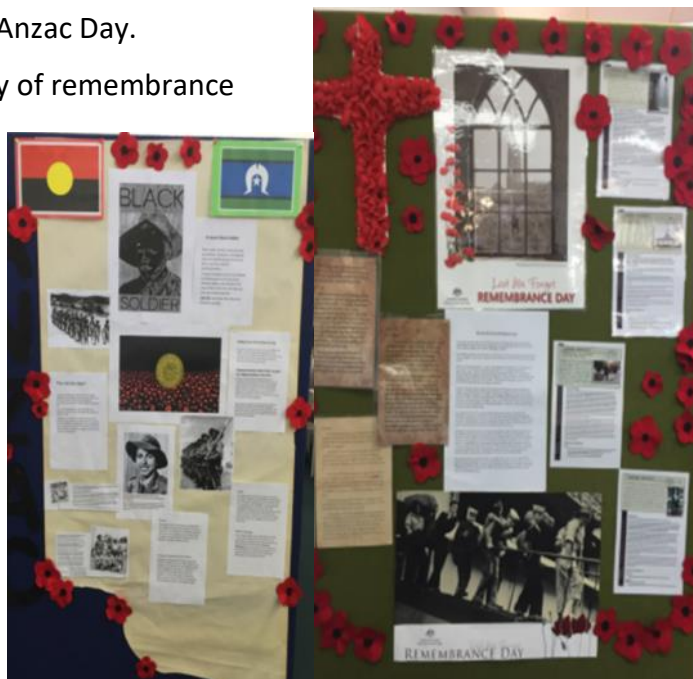
# WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY

## Anzac Day Display

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of April was Anzac Day.

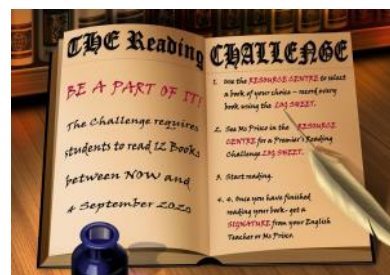
Anzac Day is national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

We remembered their contribution and suffering by showcasing our displays.



## 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 you are currently reading.

## BOOK CLUB



Join us for our UHS  
Book Club  
Online Forum

Accessible via Teams  
See Ms Prisco for details

# ADELAIDE MALIBU JUNIOR SQUASH

Mondays & Wednesdays after school  
Come and Play squash at Adelaide Malibu,  
it's fun and easy to learn!



- improve confidence
- develop resilience
- learn skills
- have fun
- make friends
- hit balls against walls
- equipment provided

Experienced, highly qualified, WWC-checked coaches Zoë and MJ

**Adelaide Malibu SQUASH CLUB**

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# YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022



## Parent Update Week 5, Term 2 – 2021

### A focus on your child's learning

As you probably know, high schools differ from primary schools in their learning structure and schedule. Your child has had one class teacher and classroom for most of their lessons in primary school.

In high school, they will move between different classrooms and be taught by a wider range of teachers who are specialists in their fields.

### Readiness for a more mature setting

We know from our pilot program that year 7s are well and truly ready for high school.

The pilot involves three public high schools that began welcoming year 7s in 2020 to provide us with early insights on the move. Having listened to the experiences of their students, families and staff, we know the vast majority of year 7s quickly settle into high school and benefit from the new learning and social opportunities it offers.

Pilot program students have told us they enjoy the independence, peer interactions and responsibilities of high school, which also reflects the experiences of students interstate. All other Australian states already teach year 7 in high school. Queensland and Western Australia made the move most recently in 2015.

### High school learning content

All South Australian school students learn the Australian Curriculum. This will not change as year 7 moves to high school. Teachers will support your child to adjust to high school expectations and will help them to build confidence in their learning.

Many students in our pilot program acknowledged there was an expectation they would work hard and complete assignments on time in high school. Parents were proud of how their children rose to this challenge. Students also said they felt supported to achieve by their new high school teachers.

**"My teachers make me feel very calm because they reassure me that I can do the work and I'm not going to fail," – pilot school student.**

### Access to specialist teachers and resources

Under the Australian Curriculum, year 7 is designed to be taught in a high school setting, with access to specialist resources such as fully equipped science laboratories, performing arts spaces, kitchens and design and technology equipment. Many high school teachers also have additional training in particular learning areas.

Beyond the classroom, high schools offer extra-curricular opportunities to extend your child's social, academic and physical learning, such as sports, debating, clubs and music groups.

**"You've got teachers that are teaching subjects they specialise in, rather than in primary school it's one teacher," – pilot school parent.**

### Specialist teachers

Our high school teachers are trained and have access to evidence-based approaches and professional learning to teach adolescent students.

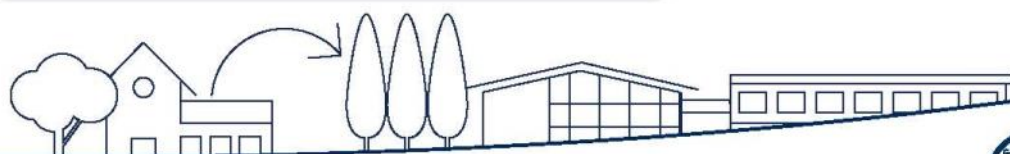
We are bringing more than 100 primary teachers into our high schools and offering them additional professional learning to prepare for the year 7 to high school move. Students and school communities will continue to benefit from their extensive accumulated knowledge of year 7 curriculum and teaching methods.

Our high school teachers are also being offered additional professional learning in the lead-up to the move, to ensure they are confident and ready to teach year 7s.

### 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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