

From our Principal, Mr David Harriss

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2021, and what a year 2021 has been! The physical transformation of the school has been metamorphic and will continue next year with some upgrades to the front of the school (this should not interfere with the running of the school as this year has!) I would like to pay tribute to the students, staff and builders who through their resilience, optimism and courage to ensure student learning was unaffected by being a part of a huge building site. On top of all the challenges thrown at us by COVID, this has only underlined the pride I feel in the way our Underdale High School Community works together in the best interests of our students.

Student reports will be available on Daymap early Week 10, and the SACE Board releases Year 12 results on Monday 13th December. We look forward to seeing these results, and when the data becomes available will share the overall performance of our Year 12 cohort. NAPLAN data has shown that our students have continued growth in their learning, and I am confident our Year 12 results will also continue the improvement we have shown over the last 5 years.

2022 will be a very exciting year, with our new cohorts of Year 7 and 8 students. Combined with a range of quality facilities never before seen at our school, next year is a watershed year in our history. All of the planning and preparation we have done this year (and for several years before that) means that we are ready to tackle 2022 with enthusiasm and confidence.

It is with a heavy heart that I move on as Principal of our wonderful school. In 2022, I will be working with the Department's Vocational Education and Training team to support schools and students across the whole of Adelaide, and look forward to the challenges that will present me. Words cannot express how much I will miss the Underdale High School community. Over the past 16 years, and particularly the last 6 as Principal, I have developed a connection that will never be broken nor forgotten. The school has undergone a massive transformation over that time, and in many respects, is unrecognisable from the school I arrived at in 2005. This is a testament to the Staff (leaders, teachers, ancillary and volunteers), the Governing Council, the families and the wider community, but most importantly the students. I have always said our students are our biggest asset and the best advert for our school. I want to offer heartfelt and sincere thanks to everyone for the support you have given our school and myself personally. I expect that support will not waver, and believe that Underdale High School will continue to grow and prosper in 2022 and beyond. I know you will all welcome and embrace the new Principal (Ms Mary-Lou Michael) into our community to lead this growth.



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Monday 31st January

- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 1st February

- 1st Day Year 7, 8 and 12's

Wednesday 2nd February

- 1st Day Year 9, 10 and 11's

Week 3

Tuesday 15th February

- Principals Tour

Week 4

Monday 21st February

- Student Photo Day

Thursday 24th February

- Student Photo Catch-up Day

Week 5

Tuesday 1st March

- Sports Day

Week 6

Wednesday 9th March

- Yr 7 Aquatics Excursion

Thursday 10th March

- Yr 8 Aquatics Excursion

Friday 11th March

- Student Free Day

Week 7

Monday 14th March

- Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup Day

Week 8

Tuesday 22nd March

- Principals Tour

Thursday 24th March

- Western Zone Track & Field Carnival

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There are other changes to our teaching and support staff for 2022, and I would like to acknowledge all of those leaving for their invaluable contribution to the school and wish them all the best in their future roles, and welcome the new staff privileged to be joining our community. A full list is contained on page 3 of the newsletter.

I trust everyone experiences a safe and enjoyable summer break and returns in 2022 ready to meet the challenges of a new school year with enthusiasm and energy (and whatever other challenges that we may face).

We will meet all challenges with Resilience, Optimism, Courage and Knowledge...and Experience Success!

Bye for now,

David Harriss



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Farewell David Harriss, Principal

David Harriss, Principal since 2016 and leader at Underdale High School for the last 15 years is regrettably leaving us at the end of 2021.

David has dedicated his many years of his work life to the Underdale High School community, most recently in the role of Principal. Over this time David has led with passion and compassion, developing positive and productive relationships with staff, students and parents.

David's ability to connect with our parents and carers has seen him support a large and thriving Governing Council. David's encouragement and inclusion of a diverse group of parents has, in turn, been crucial in promoting our school to other parents and fundraising for the school.

Over the last 3 years David has led the immense task of implementing our \$20 million building works program. Through his vision and leadership of this he made every dollar count. The building works touched 85% of our school and has resulted in our students having both state-of-the-art facilities to enhance learning and park like grounds to enhance wellbeing.

David's work with the school community has resulted in a significant increase in student numbers and student achievement during his time at the helm. SACE completion is now consistently above state averages and our students go on to a wide range of university courses and other academic pathways.

Before becoming a principal David was a PE teacher and it is his ongoing support of the elite Football Academy at Underdale that has seen this program flourish and grow every year. Graduates of the Academy are now enjoying professional Football careers around Australia and the world.

David's leadership journey at Underdale began with growing vocational education and training (VET) opportunities at Underdale. Giving our students access to clear work skills and pathways into industry. He was instrumental as the VET Leader in fighting for and winning significant funding to build our multi-million dollar, industry standard, automotive centre in 2010.

It is this area of leadership that David will move back into in 2022, however now at a much higher leadership level. He will be working from state office supporting other principals across the state with embedding VET and SACE in their sites and he will be able to influence future direction and policy in this area. His immense expertise will be highly valued.

We wish David every success in this new role and thank him for the legacy that he has created. He leaves an everlasting impact on Underdale.

Lee Knight

Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT NOTICES

2022 Staffing News

Sadly, we have some staff leaving Underdale High School at the end of 2021:

- Mr David Harriss
DfE Vocational Education Team
- Mr Ash Brook
appointed at Aberfoyle Park High School
- Ms Catherine Gates
contract completed
- Mr Paul Gavini
appointed at Modbury High School
- Mr Luke Granleese
appointed at Woodville High School
- Mr Lachlan Henning
contract completed
- Mr Matthew Jackson
contract completed
- Mr Josh Johnson
contract completed
- Ms Emily Kavanagh
appointed at Woodville High School
- Mr Ted Keeley
Retirement
- Debbie Scholfield
contract completed
- Mr Robert Schultz
contract completed
- Ms Joya Stevens
contract completed
- Ms Alicia Warnock
appointed at Salisbury East High School
- Ms Kellie Woolford
DfE Curriculum Writing Team

We wish to thank all of these staff for their contributions to Underdale High School and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

I would like to warmly welcome the following new Staff to the Underdale High School community starting in 2022:

- Ms Mary-Lou Michael
Principal
- Janet Armitage
Literacy and Language Leader
- Mr Jake Carrick-Smith
Year 9 Leader
- Mr Daniel Hoskin
Teacher
- Indhu Jayaraj
Library SSO
- Giuseppe Laera
Teacher
- Lauren Marveggio
Teacher
- Emilie Mazis
Teacher
- Menas Mena
Wellbeing
- Chad Parrish
Teacher
- Luigi Pilla
Teacher
- Anna Nihill
Arts Leaders
- John Try
IT SSO
- Craig Ward
HPE SSO
- Leisa Westerhof
Digital Pedagogy and Data Leader

IMPORTANT NOTICES

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION - End of 2021 / Beginning of 2022

End of Year 2021

Term 4 concludes at 12:30pm on Friday 10th December.

Reports

Term 4 reports will be available on Daymap by Dec 13th. Text messages will go to caregivers when they have been released. Please contact Jonathan or Josh in IT department if you need support to access your child's report. Ph. 8301 8000

Start dates Term 1 2022

- Tuesday 1st Feb 2022 - students in Years 7, 8 and 12.
- Wednesday 2nd Feb 2022 - students in Years 9, 10 and 11.

Classes run from 8:35am. Students should arrive from approximately 8:20am.

Students in Year 7 and 8 will participate in a tailored orientation program throughout week 1 to ensure they quickly become familiar with high school processes.

Students in Year 12 will engage in a program on day one to ensure they understand the expectations and supports available to them in Year 12.

Acquaintance Evenings 2022 & Governing Council AGM

Parents and carers will be invited to come and meet the new Principal, leaders and home group teachers in week 2 and 3, 2022.

- Years 7-9 on Monday 7th Feb
Tours and sausage sizzle 4:30-5:30,
AGM 5:30-6:00pm,
Meet and Greet - including Daymap instruction 6pm-7pm.
 - Years 10-12 Monday 14th Feb
Tours and sausage sizzle 5:30-6:00pm,
Parent understanding of SACE and Year 12 expectations,
VET and Year 10 Work experience information,
meet and greet - 6pm-7pm.
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Laptops and Stationery

All students should arrive prepared for learning on their first day. This includes bringing their laptop and stationery requirements.

Stationery requirements are detailed on page 75 of the "Curriculum Guide" available on the school website. [Alternately click this link](#)

Laptop requirements are outlined on the school website under the enrolment tab. All students in year 7-12 require their own laptop everyday at school. [Follow this link for laptop details.](#)

Students eligible for school card may choose to apply for a lease laptop from the school. Parent/carers should visit the school from 24 to 31 Jan between 8:30-3:00pm to collect a lease agreement for 2022 and pay the lease fee of \$120. See Michelle Bersagliere, Finance officer.

Uniform

Uniform is compulsory at Underdale and must be worn everyday. Uniform information is available on the school website under the "Student Life" tab. Uniform tops, skirts and dresses must be purchased from Devon Uniforms. Click here for [UHS Uniform Details](#)

Devon are located at Daws Rd, Edwardstown or their pop up store until the end of Feb is at 50 Henley Beach rd. Appointments for fittings are essential. Uniform may be purchased online also.

Please order uniform as soon as possible. Waiting until January may mean that sizes become limited.

Access Devon via: [this link which can also be located on our website](#)

Fees

School fees for 2022 have been set at \$700 plus additional charges for specific subjects, camps, and Yearbook. Invoices will be sent out early in term 1.

Fees should be paid online via the school website, under the "Stay in Touch" tab – Payments. Payments plans may be set up. [Visit this link for all payment details.](#)

Families eligible for school card must also apply online in 2022 via the link. Income limits have recently been increased so please check your eligibility. See Michelle Bersagliere, Finance officer, for assistance with fee paying.

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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION - End of 2021 / Beginning of 2022

Students NOT returning in 2022

If, for any reason, your family's circumstances have/will change and your child will not be returning to Underdale in 2022 you **MUST** notify the school in 2021 and complete a leavers form. The front office will be open between 9am-3pm between 13-14th & 16-17th December if you need to complete a leavers form.

Students of compulsory school age cannot be exited from any school before we have been notified that they have been accepted into another school. This includes interstate transfers. Please provide the name of the new school your child has enrolled in on the leavers form.

Students who are 15 or 16 years old, still of compulsory school age, who wish to leave school as they have gained employment require an exemption to leave school. Parent/Carers must complete an exemption form and ensure their child meets the eligibility requirements. Please contact the school for more details, Sophie Pyromallis, Assistant Principal on Ph. 8301 8000.

Family Travel in 2022

With borders reopening travel both interstate and overseas may be a possibility again. All families are reminded if they are intending to take their child out of school to travel they **MUST** seek an exemption from attending school to travel.

If your child will not be present in week 1 2022 due to family travel in the holidays or early term 1, an exemption must be applied for before the end of this year. The front office will be open between 9am-3pm between 13-14th & 16-17th December and from 24th Jan 2022, if you need to complete a travel exemption form.

Covid-19

With the impacts of Covid-19 still continuing into 2022 all employees onsite will be vaccinated by beginning of school year 2022. We also encourage all students over the age of 12 to take the advice from SA Health and access the free Covid-19 vaccination. This will help to ensure our school remains open and safe.

If closures do occur that impact face to face teaching in 2022, learning will generally continue online via Daymap and Teams computer programs.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2022 and wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Lee Knight
Deputy Principal

Volunteer of the Year Award

This year's deserving recipient of the Governing Council Volunteer of the Year Award was Jenny Dodman.

She has been supporting our staff for over 40 years. Jenny keeps our staff room clean, tidy and re-stocked every day and always with a smile on her face. She always decorates our staff room for Christmas and will bake at home and bring in scones, lamingtons and slices for the staff to enjoy for morning teas. Jenny attended our final Governing Council Meeting dinner at The Caledonian Hotel on the 30th November where she was presented with a plaque and enjoyed a lovely meal with all of us.



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YEAR 11 AWARD WINNERS 2021

Year Level Award Winner - Saira Libra

The year level award is presented to the student who shows a high level of dedication to not only their work, but also to themselves. This person is constantly striving for success and is respectful towards the school by wearing the correct uniform and attending all lessons. They are kind and courteous and are proud to attend our school.

Subject Award Winners:

Subject Awards winners are those who achieve the highest grades in their classes. Some of these award winners gained this achievement across multiple subject areas which was excellent to see. These students are showing excellent academic success in their selected subjects.

Anita Tay
Bojan Krstic
Saira Libra
Mohadesah Morad Ali
Bethany Borrelli
Joah Faiello
Karlee Koutsoubis
Sophia Xanthis
Tino D'Arrigo
Venus Vasanasong
Mariam Noella
Algren Sagubo
Tijana Jaksic
Vladislava Sibakova
Rubin Davenport
Yaman Ashqar
Jessica Libra
Gioia Haycroft
Victoria Nicolopoulos
Hannah Kasumovic
Jason Zafiridis

Bright Futures Award Winners

The Bright futures Award is given to a student who shows hard work, dedication and perseverance with their studies. These students use our school values now when studying which will help them to find success in their post-school pathway.

Saira Libra
Yared Asefa
Anita Tay
Ammar Osman
Ivan Bezbradica
Will Hunton
Brahmjot Kaur
Mohammed Osman
Atticus Zweck
Piper Dafonte
Goran Beganovic
Mohadesah Morad Ali
Yana Kallushis
Karlee Koutsoubis
Joah Faielleo
Khairullah Tayeeb
Nikola Mrkajic
Bethany Borrelli
Sophia Xanthis
Tyrone Wright
Mariam Noella
Kydell Pantoja
Sebastian Dizon

Tino D'Arrigo
Venus Vasanasong
Karla Colicchio
Tijana Jaksic
Jake Tezner
Julia Barone
Vladislava Sibakova
Mannat Khosa
Ryley Schroeder
Aldous Ergina
Rubin Davenport
Gioia Haycroft
Inshaal Khan
Chanel Goldsworthy
Brandon Searle
Victoria Nicolopoulos
Kira Kennedy

As Year Level Leader of the Year 11 cohort I am extremely proud of all of these students and what they have achieved this year.

*Warm regards,
Mollie Sandercock*

YEAR 8/9 AWARD WINNERS 2021

Year 8/9 ROCK Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who are the winners of our ROCK awards. The ROCK awards are an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the good character of our students, and the commitment they have shown to embedding our values in their personal and school endeavours.

Every teacher and leader is asked to nominate students who they believe are a worthy recipient of the Resilience award, Optimism award, Courage award or Knowledge award. These nominations are then used to determine our winners.

Resilience	~ Year 8 ~ Layla Jensen ~ Year 9 ~ Jonah Sydenham-Cheer
Optimism	~ Year 8 ~ Dimitri Veri ~ Year 9 ~ Kaya Nanky
Courage	~ Year 8 ~ Aaron Ngo ~ Year 9 ~ Cooper Wellington
Knowledge	~ Year 8 ~ James Gagliardi ~ Year 9 ~ Toby Field

Year Level Award Winners

The year level award is another award where nominations are given by any teacher or leader in the school. Our year level award winners this year were nominated by a number of teachers, all recommending them for consistently demonstrating all of our year level award criteria. Congratulations are well deserved!

Year 8 ~ Manavjot Kaur

Year 9 ~ Lara Wilson



A big congratulations to our ROCK and Year Level Award winners who have exemplified our school values throughout 2021!

HIGHLIGHTS - FROM WEEKS SIX TO TEN

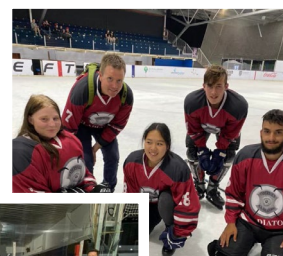
Ice Factor 2021

December - That's a wrap for Ice Factor for 2021. It has been a busy year where we have seen a few students join the team and a few students move on after their Ice Factor journey. What all students have done while wearing the Underdale Gladiator jersey is strived to be the best they can be out on the rink. What we have noticed when the students put on their skates and armour is that they all grow in confidence, they then realise that they can do something that was initially foreign to them, ice hockey. Once the kit has been removed their confidence remains. As a team we experienced success earlier in the year when we were led by Roman Safi and took out the title for division 2 at the end of term tournament. Vanessa, Ms DeBono and Mr Daddow are proud of you all. Go you Gladiators!



Well done Gladiators of 2021

Chelsea Butler	Claudia Wight	Cody Gardam
Dante De Dominics	Emily Moon	Erin Bouchier
Fred Cleayon	Georgie Martin	Judd Panozzo
Mia Kasperski	Mikeson Latona	Riley McCulloch
Roman Safi	Ruby Fullager	Zeke Abdullahi
Ryley Schroeder		



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HIGHLIGHTS - FROM WEEKS ONE TO FIVE

Global Class Connection

konnichiwa Tensuichu
こんにちは、天水中

In Term 4 from the 17th to the 24th of November and on the 1st and 2nd December, the Year 8 Japanese class has been connecting with the Tensui Middle School students in Japan via online video conference. Students were taking turns coming to the teacher's computer at the front of the classroom and interacting bilingually in both Japanese and English with the students who are in another part of the world, beyond the screen.

This was a very exciting opportunity for the students in both Tensui and Underdale, who had the opportunity to try out their Japanese and English skills. Our students were able to introduce themselves and their interests with the Japanese students who were of the same age. It was really interesting to hear that the students in both schools had similar interests and were able to talk about these together. A hot topic which was covered was their shared love for sports such as volleyball and basketball, as well as a shared interest in Anime and playing video games. The students were able to support and encourage each other from their classrooms by cheering and celebrating their success after they spoke. Students from both schools were able to deepen their understanding of the language and culture that they are learning about by being placed in a real-life situation and interacting with someone in a different country. The students at Tensui and Underdale are looking forward to having this opportunity to interact online again.

What will be next? Maybe we visit the land of rising sun, saying G'day with a bow.

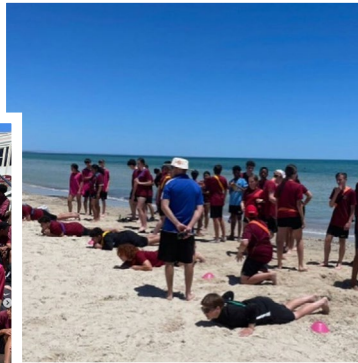


SPORT UPDATE

Year 8/9 Football Academy Beach Carnival

29th November - The 2021 Beach Carnival Champions are Pink Ronaldos

Best and Fairest Awarded to Ricky P and Keelee



Euro 2020/21 Tipping Winners

Back in June/July this year, our Academy students played off against each other in a tipping competition.

Across 51 matches, with each correct tip worth 10 points, the top 3 all finished on 370 points!!

Narges F (tipped Italy & correct final result)

Tommy P/ Anton M/ Joe G (tipped Italy)

Rykiah W

*Honourable mention to Mr Davies who topped the Academy staff with 410 points... bittersweet after his beloved 3 Lions went down in the final.



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SPORT UPDATE

2021 Year 8/9 Academy Players of the Year

We are super excited to announce this years Year 8 and 9 players of the year...



Anastasia S & Liam P

Both deserved winners as leaders on and off the football pitch.

Ana was part of the winning Western Zone Futsal and 5aside team and Runner Up in the State Futsal Finals.

Liam was part of both the winning Western Zone and State Futsal team.

Western Zones After School Badminton

November - For term 4 the junior badminton team have participated in the Western Zone after school badminton competition. Kevin Mai, Cav Mirawan, Loc Nguyen, Alex Rusmir and supported by Kasra Asaroodi took on all comers with a smile and a competitive spirit to take out the title of Wester zone premiers. It was a very pleasing to watch a team that plays together, succeeds together. Well done Mr D and the school community are proud of your efforts.



LIBRARY NEWS

Remembrance Day

We remembered, on November 11, the loss of life, devastation and despair that armed conflict leaves behind. Our display included images from conflicts that Australian soldiers, doctors, nurses and peacekeepers have been involved in. Of special interest was the inclusion of a World War II indigenous soldier who was related to one of our students.

We reflected also that war leaves a trail of devastation that effects the lives of those left behind. Books about World War I and II are still on display in the resource centre.



2022 and beyond...

To finish off 2021 we have added new episodes to some of our most popular Manga titles including: Demon Slayer, Attack on

Titan, On Piece and Tokyo Ghoul. We hope to see you coming in to check them out in 2022. As always, we are keen to hear your thoughts about what we should buy. Please let us know soon so we can get started straight away in 2022.

Holiday Reading

You might like to look for these top 10 reads at your local library.

Hamra Centre Library: 1 Brooker Terrace, Hilton
Findon Library: Findon Shopping Centre, corner Findon Rd and Grange Rd.

1. They both die at the end by Adam Silvera
2. We were liars by E Lockhart
3. One of us is lying by Karen McManus
4. Aurora's end by Jay Kristoff and Amie Kaufman
5. Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo
6. The cruel prince by Holly Black
7. Our violent ends by Chloe Gong
8. Percy Jackson and the lightning thief by Rick Riordan
9. Gilded by Marissa Meyer
10. A good girl's guide to murder by Holly Jackson

Have a happy and safe break with lots of reading...

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



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