

From our Principal, Ms Mary-Lou Michael

Dear parents and caregivers,

As we reach the middle of term 2, we have much to celebrate as a community. Aside from many individual success stories, it is also important to acknowledge our whole school community, staff, students, families, carers, organisations, neighbours, businesses, and friends. Across the state we all have been impacted by COVID related illnesses and we know that unavoidable lengthy staff absences can have an impact on continuity of learning for students. Here at Underdale, we have managed to keep classes open and where possible employ relief teachers and or collapse smaller classes, but we are aware this is not the ideal scenario for learning. As we navigate the winter months, we acknowledge your support and patience and trust that you continue to support our students to complete work in the absence of their teachers. Student learning resources are always available on our Daymap learner management system. If you are having trouble accessing Daymap, please contact the school and our Digital Technologies team will support you.

Parent/Carer Engagement

We at Underdale High School recognised the significant impact our relationships and positive connections with families and carers can have on student engagement with school life. We were all thrilled to see so many families attend the Student Conferences face-to-face early in the term. Remember you are always welcome to contact the school if you have any concerns outside of these formal events. Our Traffic Light data will be shared with all families via Daymap this week. This will provide students and carers with an indication of whether students are on track for the term, before the end of term graded report is released. Students can stretch and improve their end of term results before the end of the semester. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you wish to clarify these results. I would like to acknowledge members of our Governing Council who are meeting this term to discuss the forming of a Parents and Friends Committee. Adults interested in this group may consider being involved in various aspects of school improvement including, teaching and learning programs, community gardens, career expo, fundraising, school events and feedback forums. If you are interested, please contact the school.

Student Learning

Staff have implemented Feedback strategies to support our Teaching Sprints which we will review on the Pupil Free Day on Friday 10th June. On this day we will reflect on our student performance data, the results of our feedback strategy, internally moderate student samples of work and define a whole school reading strategy for our term 3 Teaching Sprint.

Supported by the Departments' Local Education Team, teachers will continue their focus on the High Impact Teaching Strategy of feedback strengthening our literacy and numeracy goals using teaching sprints. Teaching staff this term have used feedback as a strategy to provide specific and targeted advice for students to improve their performance. We are grateful to our families for their support of our work improving teacher practice to enable every student to be inspired, challenged, and stretched so they may achieve their personal best. We look forward to sharing these experiences with you.

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Calendar Dates TERM 2

Week 6

- Monday 6th June
 - Stage 2 Dunstan Playhouse Excursion
- Tuesday 7th June
 - Ice Factor Excursion
- Thursday 9th June
 - Year 12 Formal
- Friday 10th June
 - Pupil Free Day

Week 7

- Monday 13th June
 - Public Holiday, Queens Birthday
- Tuesday 14th June
 - Ice Factor Excursion

Week 8

- Tuesday 21st June
 - Ice Factor Excursion
 - Principals Tour - bookings essential
 - Governing Council Meeting 6pm

Week 9

- Tuesday 28th June
 - Ice Factor Excursion

Week 10

- Tuesday 5th July
 - Ice Factor Excursion
- Friday 8th July
 - Last Day of Term 2, Early Dismissal 2.10pm
 - Reports available on Daymap

TERM 3

Week 1

- Monday 25th July
 - First Day of Term 3, 9.45am Start

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Maths Tutoring

Here at Underdale High School, we recognise the value of Mathematics for lifelong learning and future choices. We want students to be confident to ask questions and demonstrate productive struggle, courage, and resilience, when confronted with challenges. Several of our students in Year 7 and 8 are enrolled and participating in Learning+ tutoring. Families can find out more information about the program at www.education.sa.gov.au/learningplus. As a school we also offer after school tuition to many students who require support. In our senior school classes UHS graduate students, Tony Dang and Daniel Manka, who are now University students are tutoring Year 12 Maths Methods students. We know this makes a difference to student outcomes but even more importantly, it builds their confidence in their ability as young people to thrive.



Lumination

Staff have recently visited the new Thebarton site, Lumination: <https://lumination.com.au> As we investigate the possibilities for integrating new technologies into our curriculum, we are loaning the versatile Merge Cubes. These enable students to explore, play and problem solve with Augmented Reality. We look forward to further explorations of how we can strengthen the use of digital technologies here at Underdale.

Uniform

Last week I was chatting to a student about uniform and tracksuit pants. I asked if Target or Kmart allow workers to wear leggings or Tracksuit pants. We discussed why there was a professional standard at workplaces, as part of public respect, image, and customer service. We agreed that the trackpants, whilst fine for sport and exercise, weren't projecting a professional image for our school. At Underdale High School the black dress pants required are available from commercial stores for all genders for around \$20. Ironically branded leggings and track pants are more than double sometimes four times this price. Please encourage your students to wear the correct pants to school, as we tighten up our consequences for breaching the uniform policy in term 2, this is a matter of respect. We also ask that black jackets or hoodies are not worn to school. We do have a uniform spray jacket that is appropriate instead.

Reconciliation Week, and the celebration.

Reconciliation Australia defines reconciliation as being about Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians talking, walking, and working together to overcome the reasons for inequality between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2022 is 'Be Brave, Make Change' a call to action for all Australians. At Underdale High School we had a full school assembly on Friday devoted to reconciliation, including a smoking ceremony and sounds of the didgeridoo. It was the first whole school assembly the school has been able to hold for two years because of COVID restrictions, and our students were fabulous. I forward to many more events like this in the future.



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Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Team have been working hard supporting many Student Voice activities and planning the Social Education curriculum. Aside from the individual case management staff action everyday, they have also launched SchoolTV a comprehensive and user-friendly wellbeing site for all our families to access. Please review the information about SchoolTV in this edition we trust it will be a valuable resource for our community.

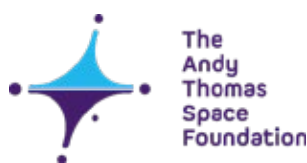
Student Success



Mohamed Toure graduated five months ago from Underdale High School and Adelaide United has confirmed the transfer of Mohamed Toure to a Ligue 1 French side. I read that Toure was the youngest goal-scorer in Isuzu UTE A-League history in February 2020 as a 15-year-old in his second game for the Club. We are thrilled to celebrate his success and wish him the very best in his future. We are also super proud of 2018 Academy graduate Hosine Bility who is currently representing the Australian National team at the u23 Asian Cup in Uzbekistan. Hosine is playing with Fram FC in Iceland.



Finally we would also like to congratulate Arianna Kasumovic, an awardee of the 2021 Governor's Civics Awards for Schools program, an article refers to her success in this Newsletter.



School Success

Congratulations to our Science Leader, Luigi Pilla and team for winning a \$4000 grant for Underdale High School to participate in the 2022 Andy Thomas Space Foundation's Mars Program. Space represents hope for the future - it will help our country to transition to a knowledge economy and will provide exciting long-term secure career opportunities for our young people. The Andy Thomas Space Foundation Challenge aims to enhance student and teacher engagement and stimulate students from Years 7, 8 and 9 to choose STEM subjects in their curriculum. Year 7 students from Underdale High School will be benefitting from this program beginning with a visit to the Australian Space Discovery Centre at Lot Fourteen (North Terrace, Adelaide) and access an expert advisor arranged by the Foundation for virtual or in person advice as they prepare their Mars Project.

The Science team is also taking a group of Year 9 students to the Adelaide University Women in STEM Day, and The Adelaide Women in Engineering group will present to our Year 9 and 10 students at UHS at a later date.

Thank you again for all your support as we navigate these strange times. Communication is the best way for us to achieve continuous improvement and your feedback is valuable for us to achieve this. We all want our students to be resilient, optimistic, and courageous so that they can develop the skills & dispositions (knowledge) they need for their futures. We all want them to grow into kind, empathetic and informed critical citizens with the flexibility to adapt to uncertain times. This is a big challenge and requires clarity, communication, and simple steps of improvement, one day at a time.

Yours sincerely

Mary-Lou Michael

UNDERDALE HIGH NEWS

Governor's Civics Awards for 2021 ~ Congratulations Arianna Kasumovic

On the 12th of May, Arianna Kasumovic, an awardee of the 2021 Governor's Civics Awards for Schools program was presented her award at Government House. Arianna was one of nine SACE students from across the state to be awarded this prestigious award.

The awards were presented on behalf of Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC by the Honourable Blair Boyer MP. Her Excellency was online because she was in COVID isolation. The reception was a special event for all students, parents and teachers attending.

The awards have been designed to align to the Australian Curriculum: History and Civics and Citizenship.

They connect with essential elements of the Australian Curriculum. These include:

- Humanities and social sciences – history, geography, civics and citizenship, economics and business.
- English, literacy strand – creating texts including texts that combine digital or media content for imaginative, informative, or persuasive purposes that reflect upon challenging and complex issues.
- Sustainability – the sustainability of ecological, social and economic systems is achieved through informed individual and community action that values local and global equity and fairness across generations into the future.
- Civics and citizenship, contribute to civil society – plan, implement and evaluate ways of contributing to civil society at local, national, regional and global levels.

The Governor's Civics Awards for Schools provides the opportunity for young South Australians to develop their capacity and awareness in the area of active and informed citizenship in a multicultural and democratic society. The awards aim to highlight the importance of civics education in the South Australian historical context and be a conduit for quality student engagement and learning in these areas.

Congratulations Arianna, the whole of Underdale High School is immensely proud of you and your achievement.



SPORTS UPDATE



School Sport SA Coach Appointment Congratulations Rod del Nido

We wish to congratulate Mr del Nido on his recent appointment as School Sport SA Coach of the Boys 16 years and under Football Team for 2022. The team will compete in Sydney, NSW from the 11th to the 16th of September 2022.

We wish Mr del Nido and the team every success in their 2022 campaign.



Schools Mountain Bike Challenge

At the beginning of the term students from year 8 and 9 participated in the Schools mountain bike challenge. It is the first time that UHS has sent a team to participate in the event that has been running for 24 years. This year saw over 550 students from across the state giving their all to complete as many laps of a course set out on the Craighurn Farm Trails.

On the day we experienced all the seasons, from lovely sunshine to sideways rain, which made the day even more memorable! Everybody who participated had a great time and definitely experienced the challenge of mountain biking in a beautiful part of South Australia.

We look forward to next years challenge and hopefully we can get a bigger team together to represent Underdale High School.



WZ Open Futsal

18 May - Our seniors opened the Football season with the Boys winning and securing a State Finals berth with commanding performances throughout the day, culminating in a 4-2 Final victory over SEDA College.

Our girls were gallant, finishing 3rd and narrowly missed States, despite 3/5 comfortable wins.

Fantastic to see young talent coming through with Year 7 Isabelle and Year 8's Malual & Amlani confidently debuting for the senior teams.



WELLBEING UPDATE

Wellbeing Resources For Families



BECAUSE PARENTING
doesn't come with instructions



The Underdale High School Wellbeing Team is pleased to announce the addition of SchoolTV to our school website. SchoolTV is a comprehensive wellbeing resource intended for the benefit of our families. You can access the SchoolTV resources by clicking the **Student Life** menu, and scrolling down to the bottom where you will see the **Wellbeing Resources For Families** link. There you will find links to articles and videos under the general topics:



The list of Wellbeing topics is comprehensive and among many others, includes Depression, Anxiety, Sleep, Diet & Nutrition, Body Image, Drug & Alcohol Use, Eating Disorders, and Year 12 Exam Stress. The information comes in the form of articles and videos all in bite size form, which is easily digested (pardon the pun).

Happy reading and viewing!

Yours truly,

The UHS Wellbeing Team

Sophie Pyromallis

Lauren De Bono

Menas Mena

LEARNING HUB NEWS

We celebrated Reconciliation week in our Learning Hub by creating an interactive display.



Podcasts for Secondary Students

Please find a few recommended podcasts for middle secondary students. Click on the pictures to view the podcast or use the address links provided. There are multiple platforms that can be used to listen to the Podcasts.



Short & Curly

Short & Curly is a fast-paced fun-filled ethics podcast for kids and their parents, with questions and ideas to really get you thinking. It asks curly questions about animals, technology, school, pop culture and the future. Thanks to our two fabulous hosts, there's lots of time for silliness too. We are also helped out by resident ethicist Matt Beard from The Ethics Centre, a brains-trust of school children and some special high-profile

guests like sporting stars and famous musicians. SHORT & CURLY is especially designed to be listened to alone or as a family, with questions to think about and time to discuss it together. Listen for free from your mobile device on the ABC listen app, Apple Podcasts or Google Podcasts.

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/shortandcurly/>



Overheard at National Geographic

In 2022, we'll journey into the Amazon to solve the mystery of a boiling river, to the South Pacific to search for the legendary aviator Amelia Earhart, and to K2, the world's second-highest mountain, where a team of Nepalis has rewritten mountaineering history. We'll also venture into some of the world's most isolated forests with an engineer who turns old cell phones into poacher-tracking devices. And we'll join a

team of climbers and scientists searching for rare frog species that have evolved on cliffs rising out of Guyana's cloud forests.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/podcasts/overheard>



New Books

We have great selection of New books added to our collection which include series, graphic novel and Refugee/Immigrant stories and sports novels.



New Book Suggestions!!

We would love to see more ideas and recommendations about topics we should have in the resource centre. Please come talk to us!

BOOK CLUB

All students are encouraged to join the Book Club to discuss the books you are currently reading. See Ms Westerhof for more information.





DENTAL SCHOOLS FOR

We are scheduled to visit in:

Term 2 2022, June 14-17

We will be visiting Underdale High School to provide check-ups & onsite treatment.



Check-up & Clean

Have your child's teeth shining bright again! We will provide a check-up & professional clean. Here we will let you know if they need any further work.



Goodie Bags

All participants receive a gift bag with essentials and some extra goodies. To say thank you! You will also have a take home oral health report to follow throughout the year



Visit with friends

Take the stress out of your child's dental visit while they visit with their friends and classmates. Our vehicles are fitted with movies to watch while they wait.



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ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

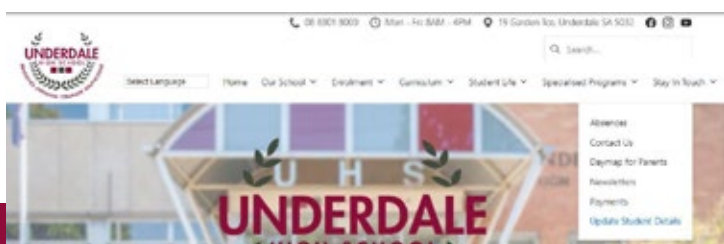


IF NOT, HEAD OVER TO OUR WEBSITE AND FORWARD YOUR LATEST DETAILS TO US

Our new system for updating details is super easy and available to you 24 hours a day.

Simply head to the 'Stay In Touch' tab on our website and click on the 'Update Student Details' sub heading and follow the prompts.

It's that easy!



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Shop 5, 516-520 Henley Beach Road, Fulham
email: henleyus@devonclothing.com.au
telephone: 08 8350 7940

UNDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM

available for purchase at
DEVON CLOTHING

(western suburbs retail outlet)

Monday: 8 am - 11 am

Wednesday: 3 pm - 6 pm

Thursday: 3 pm - 6 pm

1. ONLINE ORDERING

<https://onlinestore.devonclothing.com.au/underdale-high-school/>
There are 2 options for delivery when placing orders online:

- Deliver to Underdale High School front Office. Allow 7 business days
- NO delivery fee
- Not available in the months of December or January
- Deliver to personal address, allow 5 business days
- Delivery fee \$9.95 orders under \$200
- NO delivery fee for orders over \$200

2. IN STORE PURCHASES

Devon Clothing
Shop 5, 516-520 Henley Beach Road, Fulham

- Purchase all uniform items during hours of operation
- By Appointment **ONLY** during the months of: December, January

Zip Pay available for In Store Purchases
No Minimum Purchase

Payment accepted by:

- Credit Card
- Cash
- Zip Pay (no minimum purchase) apply for ZipPay prior to attending the shop

Check the Devon website for further information regarding appointments



SA/NT Pathways to Post School Life: A session for students in Years 10 - 12

The National Disability Insurance Agency would like to invite SA/NT students with a disability in Years 10-12, their parents, carers and education professionals to attend a virtual information session on building skills and paving a pathway to post-school life.

This session will provide an opportunity to discuss NDIS-funded supports and other assistance to help young people to build skills to prepare for their transition, and to support them in the achievement of their employment and other goals, post-school.

Who should attend: Participants, Families from SA and NT, Education professionals and Providers

Where:

All sessions are virtual held via MS Teams

Date:

Information Sessions are held monthly
from 20 April 2022 – 29 September 2022

Time:

Sessions are being held at various times to meet audience needs

Further information and RSVP:

Please go to the [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com.au) website.

Additional information: If you have any accessibility requirements please let us know when you register. Please note - we need a minimum of five (5) business days' notice to book Auslan interpreters.



[ndis.gov.au](https://www.ndis.gov.au)

