

## From our Principal, Ms Mary-Lou Michael

Dear families,

It has been an extraordinary term once again. We had many great opportunities to celebrate the success of all our students here at Underdale High School. The Arts Exhibition and performances were quite spectacular, showcasing the many skills of our students in Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts. The performances included bands and vocals, as well as our first Dance performance, with striking choreography. Our Year 10 Drama students presented a comic take of a Shakespearian tragedy. In addition to drama and dance performances there was a visual art exhibition showcasing 3D and 2D pieces in a range of mediums, including clay. Huge thank you to all the Arts team, the students did a fantastic job, for some of them it was the first time they had performed in front of an audience. For others because of Covid restrictions they haven't performed for years. The success is due to the commitment and hard work of the Performing Arts teachers Anna Nihill, Brad Tucker and Jenna English. The Art Gallery displaying the Artwork from the classes of dedicated art staff, Alana Birrell, Amelia Castellucci, Lindy Neilson, and Mark McLeod. Well done.

### Achievement Assembly

Our Year 7-11 Achievement Assembly was a great opportunity to acknowledge the academic achievement of our students Year 7 to 11 and welcome the families of award winners to the event. A parent I was chatting to afterwards commented, "you have so many talented students at this school". Indeed, we do, publicly celebrating students' perseverance and academic achievement is a powerful way to acknowledge that we value this work as a whole school. On this day we celebrated learning, and student success. Here at Underdale, we value every young person's journey and recognise the work families and staff do with us is the beginning of a lifetime of learning. At the assembly I spoke about expertise and the importance of knowledge in a world where fast paced social media dominates opinions, and why valuing experts who study and know something strengthen our future as they have done in our past. Only 1% of the world's population holds a PHD, here at Underdale we have three staff members currently studying or have studied a PHD, Lynn Rowberry, David Baker and Guiseppe Laera. As educators we must value people that work hard, sacrifice their present for a future, study, and test that knowledge. Experts read and engage with diverse ideas; we know the students receiving awards on this day have studied hard for this. So, let's reward them. Let's value and recognise their expertise.

The achievement assembly aligned with our focus on White Ribbon Day, and our school culture and wellbeing team worked with students to create a pledge board. Josh Hilditch interviewed two of our students who spoke to the whole school about the importance of speaking up in our community. We look forward to developing this initiative to include more members of our community.

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### Calendar Dates TERM 1

#### Week 1

Monday 30th January  
- First Day Starts at 9:45am for Year 7 & 12's  
Tuesday 31st January  
- First Day Starts at 8:45am for Year's 8 to 11  
- ISEC Transition Day

#### Week 2

Monday 6th February  
- Student Free Day  
Wednesday 8th February  
- House Assemblies  
Friday 10th February  
- Celebration Assembly  
Sunday 12th February  
- Underdale Families Picnic

#### Week 3

Tuesday 14th February  
- Governing Council AGM  
- Acquaintance Night  
Thursday 16th February  
- Principals Tour - Bookings Essential

#### Week 4

Tuesday 21st February  
- Governing Council Meeting  
Wednesday 22nd February  
- School Photos  
Friday 24th February  
- Year 7 Aquatics Excursion  
- Year 12 Formal  
- House Assembly

#### Week 6

Friday 10th March  
- Pupil Free Day

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## Year 12 Graduation

The Year 12 Graduation set a new high benchmark for our school. We have had many members of our community congratulate staff and students on the success of the event. It was incredibly rewarding to see the graduating class of 2022 presented with their certificates and awards at the Elder Hall, Adelaide University. The graduation gowns and mortar boards helped to elevate the status of the event. As I spoke with some families who were watching the last of a large family graduate, I recognised the impact of transition for families along with young people at many phases of life. With all the excitement of the next stage, comes the grieving of the last stage. We must shed something old to move into something new.

## Transition

Transitioning to secondary school is more than a single event, and whilst we have started with our transition days and welcomed families for our transition evening, we know that this process takes time, and is a culmination of a range of experiences over 12 months. Please contact the school should you wish to discuss any of your concerns, we encourage you to connect, ask for support or ask for clarification, as this will only strengthen our school.



## Automotive Achievement

As South Australia celebrates the return of the Adelaide 500, it seems fitting to share that recently I watched the Year 10 Automotive class, with Mr Don Pappageorgio and the students as they raced a car built at Underdale High school taking less than two minutes to circle the oval. In conversation they shared the strategies they used to corner the oval and keep on track to make the time. We were lucky to have the sun that day, and the students made me reflect once again how fabulous our school is, how many opportunities we offer our students, and the future is right here, under our noses in beautiful Underdale!

End of year correspondence will be distributed throughout the holidays in preparation for the new 2023 year. Until then, if you wish to donate any non-perishable supplies for our fundraiser, please drop them into reception. We thank all families for your continued support and wish you all a safe and very happy holiday.

Yours sincerely  
Mary-Lou Michael





# YEAR 12 GRADUATION

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

### A & A Vidmar Football Award Winner Jean Paul

The A & A Vidmar Award for Football Awarded to the Open Boys' State Knockout Football and Futsal champion (Stage 1 or 2 student only) based on match performance, student leadership and excelling in values aligned with the Football Academy's Code of Conduct and motto "humble in victory, gracious in defeat".

Aurelio and Tony Vidmar are former students of Underdale High School between 1982-1988. The brothers have since achieved incredible success for club and country, playing and coaching professionally across Australia, Asia and Europe including La Liga in Spain, the EPL in England and both managing the Olyroos- Australia's u23 team.

For the national team, Aurelio was our creative attacking talent, representing the Socceroos on 44 occasions, while defender Tony- recently named in the Socceroos Team of the Decade- amassed 76 caps for his country.

In 1993, the brothers' careers beautifully entwined in a World Cup Qualifier against powerhouse Argentina. Pitted against one of the greatest players of all time- Diego Maradona- Aurelio and Tony combined to assist and score Australia's only goal as we narrowly lost 2-1 across the two matches.

Living legends of South Australian and Australian football, Aurelio and Tony epitomise excellence in the world game and we are so proud of their connection to Underdale High School. This award is present to a student who has displayed and demonstrated similar skills and values.

Jean Paul is a worthy recipient of the inaugural A&A Vidmar Football Award for his excellence in both State Knockout Football and State Futsal competitions this year.



In Futsal, JP was our anchor, guiding his teammates to both Western Zone glory and the State Semi-Finals with his elegant technique and powerful runs.

On the Football field, JP was our Open Boys Captain, leading by example through hard work off the ball and finesse on it, reaching the State Quarter Finals.

### Lyn Fullston Award Winner Chelsea Robinson



Lyn Fullston a former teacher who tragically passed away in 2008, was highly regarded by staff and students. An accomplished and exceptional sportswoman who represented South Australia in Cricket, Netball, Soccer and Basketball. She was also an Australian representative in Netball and Cricket. In cricket Lyn played 12 tests and 41 one day internationals holding the world records (39) for the most wickets taken in World Cup games.

The Lyn Fullston Medal is given to the female student who has contributed outstanding involvement in school sport throughout their school life and the community.

This year recipient is a student who throughout their schooling has competed and represented Underdale High School in Sports days, held champion titles, competed in Year 8/9 knock out football finale, Open state knock out football semi-finalist, Western Zone 5 aside and Futsal.

### David Hookes Award Winner Aldous Ergina

The David Hookes Medal is named after a former who was an outstanding sportsman at the school. He was captain of the South Australia Redbacks cricket team and went on to play cricket for Australia. 306 represents his highest score in interstate cricket (now called the Sheffield Shield competition).

This award is given each year to the male student who has contributed outstanding involvement to school sport throughout their school life, for their outstanding sporting performances for the school and in the community, and for their contributions to school sport in general.



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## Success Through Independence Award Winner Paree Petas



The recipient of the award, has faced adversity not only throughout 2022, but over the last 5 years of schooling. The student has had to overcome many barriers not just within their schooling, but on a personal level. They have managed to show strong independence through multiple casual work opportunities, as well as taking on a school-based traineeship, to better their future and career pathway.

The student has worked hard to develop a strong network of positive people to continue to support them.

Congratulations Paree

## Success Through Resilience Award Winner Davis Pickering

The success through resilience award, is presented to a student who has experienced some form of disadvantage or has overcome some hardship. The student throughout these challenges has continued to work hard, in achieving their personal goals.

This year's winner of Success through Resilience award is Davis Pickering.

Resilience is a trait that Davis has demonstrated in abundance throughout his schooling. He has persisted despite the many challenges he has faced. Davis has demonstrated resilience and perseverance and has been successful in achieving his personal goal of completing SACE and setting himself up for future work, having already secured and started a Real Estate Traineeship. He is a quiet achiever both at school and on the sporting field.

He is a worthy recipient of the Success through Resilience Award.



## Margaret Donovan Award for English Winner Atticus Zweck

Margaret Donovan retired from teaching in 2020, not long after receiving recognition from the Department for Education for 50 years of service. Much of this time was spent as the English Coordinator and teaching English at Underdale High School. Her passion for literature spread through her classroom, with many students crediting her with their choice to continue their studies of English at a higher level. Showing that education is a lifelong process, Margaret has gone on to complete her Honours Degree in English at University, demonstrating her significant commitment to her own learning, after spending so many years dedicated to the learning of others.



This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated ongoing passion and commitment for English throughout their schooling.

The winner of the 2022 Margaret Donovan award is Atticus Zweck.

## Helen Castle Memorial Award Winner Inshaal Khan

Helen Castle a former Underdale High School teacher passed away tragically in 2005 was highly regarded by staff and students. Her passion and dedication for science was exceptional. This award recognises a student who has demonstrated excellence in the field of science and has contributed positively in this area. The individual who has applied themselves to science, has participated in more than one science class in their senior schooling and is probably looking at a science pathway in the future.



Congratulations to Inshaal Khan this is a very fitting award.



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## Governing Council ROCK Award Winner Victoria Nicolopoulos

The Underdale High School Governing Council sponsor this award and continues to work with the students to encourage Resilience, Courage, Optimism and Knowledge, which aligns with the school values. The award is given to a student who has displayed the school values, and shown a willingness to learn, participation in school life, and have shown these qualities through their schooling, especially in year 12.

Victoria exemplifies Resilience, Optimism, Courage, and Knowledge. She has always been a conscientious and diligent student...

with a strong work ethic. She has shown an aptitude for independent learning, displayed above average higher order thinking skills and achieved strong academic results. Apart from her excellent academic record it is also her enthusiasm and willingness to push her own boundaries in learning that is most impressive. She has always shown the utmost respect to her teachers and peers.

Congratulations Victoria



## Community Service Award Winner Anita Tay



Community Service Award recognises a student who has provided service to the school and community. The worthy recipient of this award, during their time at Underdale High school has been an active student voice member and leader within the Underdale community, including being SRC representative since year 8, involved in various open days, represented the school at Women in STEM events, Supported in the 2021 graduation.

This year Community Service award winner is Anita Tay

## Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award Winner Anita Tay

The following award is the Long Tan Leadership, and Teamwork Award This award is generously sponsored and presented by the Australian Defence Force.

This award acknowledges the achievement of a student who has demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and teamwork within the school and the wider community, and qualities such as supporting others and doing the best that they can.

The winner of the 2022 Long Tan Award is Anita Tay

Anita encompasses all of the qualities upheld by the Long Tan Award. During her time at UHS Anita has always been a conscientious and diligent student with a strong work ethic. She has shown an aptitude for independent learning, displayed excellent higher order thinking skills and achieved strong academic results.

Apart from Anita's excellent academic record it is also her enthusiasm and willingness to push boundaries in learning, teamwork and her tenacity that is most impressive.

She has demonstrated her leadership ability amongst peers through being involved in Student Voice Council from Year 8, being Year level leader in Year 11 and this year her last, had the honour of being named Head Prefect of the school.

She is a student that others look up to and seek advice from and she shows respect for the values of the school and the community. She is a worthy recipient of the Long Tan Award



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## Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award Winner Jessica Libra



The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Future Innovators Award was introduced to recognise Australian students' science, mathematics, engineering and technology abilities and encourage the continued development of these skills. With 75% of future occupations requiring STEM skills, Defence plays a pivotal role in driving the national STEM Agenda. The Navy, Army and Air Force value these skills and in the future will need to draw on like skills for Australian Defence Force capability. These students were identified by their teachers and educators for demonstrating motivation and innovation in STEM.

This year's worthy recipient is Jessica Libra

## Principal's Award Winner Inshaal Khan

This award acknowledges a student for their outstanding efforts in all SACE subjects and has consistently displayed the school values throughout their schooling years.

And the winner of the 2022 Principal award is Inshaal Khan



## Ampol All-Rounder Award Winner Ryley Schroeder

For 30 years the Ampol All-Rounder award has been presented to students and has become one of Australia's best known and recognized secondary school awards. This award recognizes a student who is a genuine "All-rounder" excelling in many aspects of school life.

The recipient of the 2022 AMPOL Best All Rounder Award is Ryley Schroeder

Ryley has embraced all areas of schooling, due to his willingness to put in the effort. He is an exuberant student who values academic success. Ryley is friendly and supportive of his peers, while managing to balance and juggle his curricular and extra-curricular activities, mostly football.

Ryley joined us in Year 8 from Darwin to be part of our Football Program. He had participated at National Championships and decided to further develop his football in Adelaide, making the sacrifice of leaving his family behind to live with his grandparents. Ryley is a consistent performer, who represents and respects the school. He tries hard and excels at everything he puts his mind to.

Ryley is a valued member of our school community and a worthy recipient of the Ampol All-rounder Award.

We will miss Ryley when he returns to Darwin and we're sure he has an exciting future ahead.



## Congratulations to all Year 12's on the achievement of 100% SACE Completion

**Top 3 Students:** Dux Saira Libra (95.7)  
Jessica Libra (94.8)  
Inshall Khan (88.35)

**Merit Award in Research Project** Prajwal Uppal

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## Subject & Bright Futures Awards

Bright Future Awards are awarded to the students who exemplify Courage, Resilience and Optimism. Students who receive this award have achieved their potential and maximized their success through organisation, hard work and determination. Subject Awards are awarded to the student who have achieved the highest grade for the subject. Student grades need to be in the 'A' Grade Band. The study traits these students have displayed are not developed just in Year 12, but have been a part of their approach to many aspects of their life for many years. These traits more than any others, will be ones that guide them well throughout their future.

### Amir Al Faily

Bright Futures Award General Math

### Julia Barone

Subject Award General English

### Bethany Borelli

Subject Award Creative Arts

### Piper Dafonte

Bright Futures Award Automotive

### Gioia Haycroft

Subject Award Child Studies

Subject Award Food and Hospitality

Subject Award General Maths

Subject Award Workplace Practices

### Will Hunton

Bright Futures Award Physical Education

### Arianna Kasumovic

Subject Award Society and Culture

### Kira Kennedy

Subject Award Football

### Inshaal Khan

Subject Award Physics

### Karlee Koutsoubis

Bright Futures Award General English

Subject Award Health and Wellbeing

### Jessica Libra

Bright Futures Award Chemistry

Bright Futures Award Research Project

Bright Futures Award Maths Methods

Subject Award Biology

Subject Award English Literature

### Saira Libra

Bright Futures Award Biology

Subject Award Chemistry

Subject Award Mathematical Methods

### Mohadeseh Morad Ali

Bright Futures Award Health and Wellbeing

### Victoria Nicolopoulos

Bright Futures Award Business

Bright Futures Award English Literature

Subject Award Creative Arts

### Chelsea Robinson

Bright Futures Award Child Studies

### Ryley Schroeder

Subject Award Physical Education

### Brandon Searle

Bright Futures Award Material Technology

### Khairullah Tayeeb

Bright Futures Award Work Place Practices

### Venus Vasanasong

Bright Futures Award Food and Hospitality

Bright Futures Award Essential English

### Sophia Xanthis

Bright Futures Award Society and Culture

### Atticus Zweck

Subject Award Material Technology



# *Presenting the Year 12 Classes of 2022*





# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Muriel Matters Award

For only the 3rd time in the awards profile and recognise the work and life of Muriel Matters (1877 to 1969), a South-Australian born suffragist, educator and social reformer who made a difference in the early 20th century through her work and activism to further the rights and freedoms of women, promote universal access to education and have careers open to talent.

In recognition of the change role Muriel played in societies around the world, the Muriel Matters Awards aim to identify and recognise young people in our schools who show the qualities of self-initiative, determination to make a difference despite personal challenges and a commitment to make the world a better place for all.



## Language Awards

School of Languages held their Celebration of Achievement Awards on Tuesday 6 December 2022 in the magnificent Elder Hall. Many guests and students from schools across Adelaide joined in the celebrations.

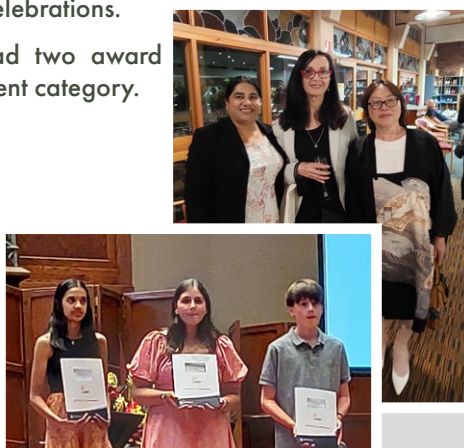
This year Underdale High School had two award recipients in the Outstanding Achievement category.

Hindi – Year 11 Roopali Sharma

Italian – Year 9 Giada Colangelo

We wish to congratulate these students on a wonderful achievement for 2022.

Languages Leader Gail Atkinson, Languages teachers Chizuru Lock and Tajinder Kaur also attended the event.



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## Volunteer of the Year Award



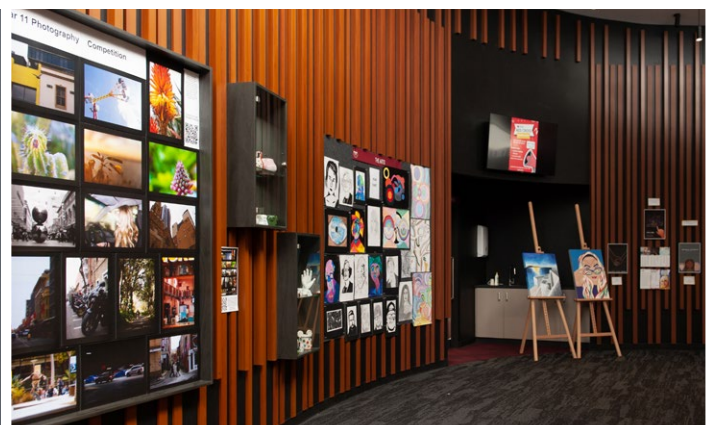
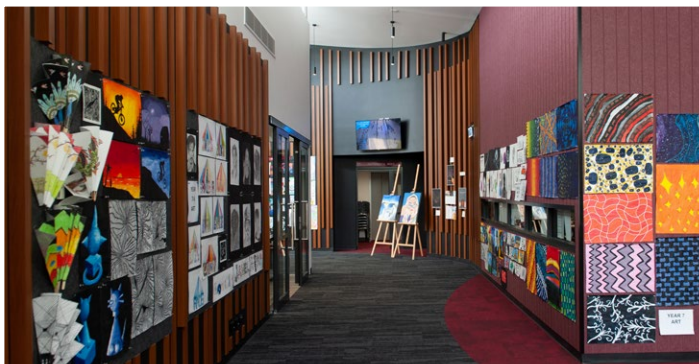
Judy has put her hand up all year to support initiatives around the school, including our tree planting, to our graduation gowns and very importantly our new Parent Affiliated Committee connected to our Governing Council. The group has set up a Facebook page if you want to stay connected. We are very grateful.



# HIGHLIGHTS

## Arts Showcase

Please enjoy the offerings from this years Arts Showcase which highlighted the many talented students we have from across all years and art disciplines.





# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Ice Factor 2022 Highlights

We recently had our end of year tournament at the ice arena where we competed against 6 other schools. Although our results were not the best in our games on the day or throughout the year our commitment and support to each other and other teams/schools was outstanding.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022:

Lukas wrote an appreciation letter to Marie Shaw KC and coach Sami (facilitators of the program) showing appreciation for allowing him to re-engage with ice factor.

Kaleb has started training in an ice hockey development program in his own time where he will start competing in a men's league.

Oliver received a leadership award for his commitment to supporting younger and older students to be their best. Oliver would often assist other teams on tournament days as they did not have a goalkeeper. Oliver would play in excess of 7 or 8 games so that other schools could field a full team.

Holly is one of our most improved players and an emerging leader who also played brilliantly.

Zaine took herself right out of her comfort zone and presented an award to an Ice Factor guest yesterday, Hannah Ewings who is the Port Powers best and Fairest player from their first season in the AFL. Two very inspiring young women.

Lily who has missed considerable amounts of school due to a variety of reasons beyond her control, reached out to come to the tournament to support the Gladiators.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Charlotte Heywood, Jade Filsell, Jane Roberts and Leisa Westerhof for their ongoing support of this program.

Congratulations to the whole Gladiators team for their hard work and achievements this year.

Mr Brenton Daddow



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## Japanese Excursion

Japanese classes have had a busy time with the end of the year activities this term.

Year 8 had an online interaction session with Tensui Chugakko, a middle school in Kumamoto, Japan and were excited to communicate with the students of similar age their self-introduction sharing hobbies and interests. Year 9 had an excursion to SA Art gallery to see the contemporary Japanese art exhibition.

Students appreciated the arts work and artifacts on show. These activities proved highly successful and engaging and will continue as part of the program for 2023.



# HIGHLIGHTS

## Year 10 Food Technology B Celebration Task

To finish 2022, the Year 10 Food Technology B class completed a unit of work around the importance of food and celebrations. Student's researched a celebration of their choice and designed a placemat. A variety of celebration foods were also prepared and presented including, Halloween Cookies, Fondant Snowmen and Gingerbread Houses. It is always a great way to celebrate different cultures and the end of the year.

Happy celebrations everyone, from the Food and Textile Technology faculty.

### ITALIAN CHRISTMAS

#### NATALE IN ITALIA

On christmas day everyone in the family gathers around for lunch to eat homemade Italian food. brusholi and cotalette are just some of the foods eaten on christmas day. Then come the sweets. A range of italian desserts such as crosstoli, zeppole and cannoli are indulged.

#### CROSTOLI

At christmas time after everyone has eaten, batches of crosstoli are placed on the table. The dough is deep fried then topped with icing sugar





#### ZEPPOLE

Zeppole can be eaten savoury and sweet, but on christmas they are usually sweet. the dough can include fruit or can be plain. the dough is deep fried then topped with sugar.





### -Christmas in Japan-

Christmas was first celebrated in Japan in the 16th century during the Warring States period. After that, in the Edo period, a ban on Christianity was issued and Christianity was banned, so Christmas was generally no longer celebrated. It was around 1900, in the middle of the Meiji era, that Christmas came to be celebrated in general. It was around 1960 that it became established as a day to celebrate with family with cake and presents. Since the 1980s, it has also been recognized as a romantic day for couples.



## OXI Day

The Greek Presidential guards, the Evzones, were invited to Adelaide to be a part of commemorating 'OXI' day on the 28th of October. 'OXI' Day, is the day when Greece said 'NO' to President Mussolini's Italian invading forces in WWII. This day is celebrated as a national holiday in Greece as a symbol of freedom from 'any' occupation.

One of the roles of the Evzones in Greece is to stand guard, in silent reverence at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Athens and around the world for the bravery and loss of life which occurred whilst resisting invading forces.

On the 29th of October the Evzones were in Adelaide to help commemorate this important day in world history. Representatives from both the South Australian and the Greek Governments were present. The Evzones walked from the army parade grounds to the Shrine of Remembrance on North Tce. There was a Change of Guard Ceremony at 10 am, 11 am and 12 pm.

This event was held on a Saturday and unfortunately, we could not attend as part of a Greek class excursion, but we learned about this day during our lesson and the students were informed about and encouraged to attend this important and unique event.

Fortunately, a small amount of our students from Underdale High school attended to experience this unique event.





