



# UPWEY HIGH NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Working bee

A reminder that our working bee is next Saturday 14 March from 8.00am – midday. Morning tea and a BBQ lunch will be provided.

### Emergency Management – Bushfire Threat – What are our processes?

If Upwey High School came under direct bushfire threat we would take direction from Emergency Services. If we are given warning to move into action, the school moves into a **lockdown**:

1. All students and staff are moved directly into the stadium. Rolls are checked and staff are assigned specific duties. The site is systematically checked to ensure that all buildings have been vacated.
2. Students and staff are then moved into their lockdown areas:  
Year 7 – B Block, Year 8 – Top of B Block, Year 9 – A Block, Years 10 -12 – ST Block and bottom of B Block  
These are the buildings lining the Burwood Highway school boundary.
3. Groups of students will be rotated through the stadium for exercise periods and toilet breaks, etc.
4. A lockdown potentially could last up to 6 hours.
5. Students would not be dismissed – staff and students would remain on site until we have been given clearance.
6. There would unlikely to be vehicle access in the immediate vicinity and families would not have access to the school site.
7. There would not be a mass evacuation of the site.
8. The school maintains its duty of care throughout. Students would be supervised until they are able to be reunited with their families. Communication with families signalling the end of the lockdown would be via emergency services broadcasts.

### Student Accident Insurance Arrangements

Families are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a Department or school council employee or volunteer.

The Department cannot advise parents on whether to purchase a student accident policy or which policy to purchase as individual families are likely to have differing needs. Their decision may be affected by other insurance cover they hold, the extent to which their children participate in sports or other physical activities at school and the particular disposition of their children.

### Upwey High School Tours

Members of the community interested in a tour of Upwey High School are invited to attend on Wednesday or Friday mornings at 9.15am. A Principal team member will be happy to take you on a tour of our facilities and answer any questions you may have. Please phone the school to register your interest in a tour.

Tom Daly

Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

09/03	Labour Day - Public Holiday
11-12/03	Year 10 Outdoor Ed Camp
14/03	Saturday Working Bee
17/03	Athletic Sports
18/03	School Council
27/03	Yr 10 Central Camp commences
02/04	Parent / Teacher interviews
03/04	End of Term
20/04	Term 2 Begins

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesdays 10:30am to 2:00pm  
Thursdays 2:30pm to 4:00pm

**Please Note: Cheque payments are to be made out to KLAD Sports.**

## 2009 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1: 02/02/09 - 03/04/09  
Term 2: 20/04/09 - 26/06/09  
Term 3: 13/07/09 - 18/09/09  
Term 4: 05/10/09 - 18/12/09

## UNIFORM SHOP

### Still in stock ...

VCE Windcheater - sizes 12, 14, 16 & small.  
VCE Jumpers - sizes 10 (2), 12 (2) & 22 (1).  
VCE Polos - sizes 10, Large 2XL & 3XL.

## BELL TIMES - 2009

Entry to Locker areas	8.30
Warning Bell	8.45
Period 1	8.50
Period 2	9.40
Recess	10.30
Period 3	10.50
Period 4	11.40
Lunch	12.30
Period 5	1.30
Period 6	2.20
Finish	3.10

## CAREER NEWS

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE** – The dates for our program in 2009 are 15 June—26 June. All Year 10 students should be actively organising their placements. We are available in the Careers Room to offer practical assistance for all students. We can assist with all aspects of the application process. We have sample resumes for student use and we can assist students with any telephone application procedures. We also have a data base of previous employers students can access. We are available before school, during recess and lunch and after school.

**YEAR 12 MIPS INTERVIEWS** – All Year 12 students are requested to sign up on the Careers Room window in the VCE Study Centre for their managed individual pathways interview. At the interview we discuss goals and options with our Year 12 students. The scaling process, the ENTER calculation and both work and study options are included in this interview. It is an excellent opportunity for our senior students to begin the important planning process for 2010 and beyond.

**YEAR 11 'THE AGE VCE AND CAREERS EXPO'** – Again this year we will be taking all of our Year 11 students on this very helpful excursion. Held annually, it provides opportunities for our students to collect information and advice regarding a wealth of career and study options. When: Friday 24 April; Where: Caulfield Racecourse; Cost: \$5.00 entry plus bus fare. This is advanced notice but a letter will be sent home soon with more details regarding this excursion.

**WANT TO STUDY FORENSIC MEDICINE?** A career information session is being held for Years 10-12's by the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine. It will provide insights into various career options in forensic sciences. When: 12.30-4.00pm, Monday 6 April; Where: VIFM Lecture Theatre, Coronial Services Centre, 57-63 Kavanagh St, Southbank; Registration (do it soon): complete the form available at: [www.vifm.org](http://www.vifm.org) (for the form see: Job Opportunities, then Careers Information). Info: 9684 4313. A second session will be held later.

**FOLIO PREPARATION COURSES AT RMIT** – Folio preparation and career discovery courses are held at City/Brunswick campuses on weeknights, Saturdays and school holidays. Designed for Year 11/12's, they give insights into particular design industries, study options and selection procedures. Apply for an early program as ones later in the year fill quickly. Some folio preparation areas covered: graphic design, digital media, multimedia, interior design, visual merchandising, 3D product design, fashion drawing, textiles and in visual/fine art. Brochures are available from the Careers Room.

**WHAT ABOUT HOSPITALITY?** Trial-a-Trade is a fun and affordable opportunity for you to learn new skills and explore a range of career options in the foods and hospitality industries. It will give a feel for the working life of a chef, baker, butcher, waiter, barista, confectioner or patissier as you collaborate with others to prepare a shared luncheon. When: Saturday 14 March; Where: William Angliss TAFE Institute, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; Cost: \$35 (\$25 for parents, public attending lunch only); Bookings/Info: 9606 2111, [info@angliss.edu.au](mailto:info@angliss.edu.au), [www.angliss.edu.au](http://www.angliss.edu.au).

**WANT TO BE A VET?** If so, you may wish to attend VET-DAY, the Veterinary Science Open Day. This is a chance for future students to go behind the scenes at the Uni of Melbourne Veterinary Clinic and Hospital. Talk to staff, meet current students and tour facilities. When: 10am-4pm, Sunday 22 March (lectures for Year 10 and above students will be held at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm); Where: 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee (Mel 206, G5); Enquiries: 8344 7357,

## OPEN DAY DATES

**Saturday 1 August:** Monash Uni (some campuses - will be advised later)

**Sunday 2 August:** Monash Uni (some campuses - will be advised later)

**Sunday 9 August:** Deakin Uni (Geelong); RMIT Uni/TAFE; Gordon TAFE; Victoria Uni/TAFE (Footscray)

**Saturday 15 August:** Holmesglen TAFE

**Sunday 16 August:** Aust. La Trobe Uni (Bendigo); Swinburne Uni/TAFE; Melbourne Uni; Sunraysia TAFE (Swan Hill)

**Sunday 23 August:** Box Hill TAFE; Deakin Uni (Melb); La Trobe Uni (Albury/Wodonga)

**Sunday 30 August:** Australian Catholic Uni (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; La Trobe Uni (Bundoora)

email via <http://vet-unimelb.custhelp.com>,  
[www.vet.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au).

**WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND CAREERS?** Then, CAREERS EXPOS are for you. Held annually, they provide opportunities for students/parents to collect information/advice at one location. Coming up soon:

- The National Careers and Employment Expo is a chance for Year 10 – 12 students to gain career pathway advice and to meet representatives from educational, government and corporate organisations. When: 9am-4pm, Friday 27 & Saturday 28 March; Where: Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre; Cost: Free; Info: [www.ecoexpo.com.au](http://www.ecoexpo.com.au).
- 'The Age' VCE and Careers Expo will have over 150 exhibitors and 120 seminars on VCE subjects, study skills, tertiary courses and career advice. When: 24-26 April; Where: Caulfield Racecourse; Cost: \$10 (incl seminars and copy of 'Age'); Info: [www.education.theage.com.au](http://www.education.theage.com.au)

**DO CAREERS AT THE ZOO INTEREST YOU?** Programs available:

- 'Careers at the Zoo' will provide opportunities for students to meet Zoo employees in a range of departments, explore the educational and career paths in the zoo industry and give you skills to help land the job of your dreams. When: 9.30am-2.45pm, Wed 8, Thurs 9, Thurs 16, Fri 17, Thurs 23 and Fri 24 April; Where: Werribee Open Range Zoo; Cost: \$39.50 incl admission, safari tour, morning tea; Info: School career counsellor and [www.zoo.org.au/learning](http://www.zoo.org.au/learning).
- 'Keeper for a Day' - spend a day in the holidays working with zookeepers. When: 7, 8, 15, 16 April; 30 June, 1, 7, 8 July; 22, 23, 29, 30 Sept; Where: Healesville Sanctuary; Bookings: 5957 2818; See: [www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student\\_Conferences/Careers](http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers); Cost:\$99

• 'Vet for a Day' Program (in term time); See above website.

**INTERESTED IN DESIGN AND WANT TO EARN \$\$\$\$\$?** Then, enter the Law Week School Poster Competition. The winning design will be used as the official poster to promote Law Week (11-17 May, 2009). Winning entries and commendations will be displayed at the Magistrates' Court of Victoria during Law Week. The competition encourages students to take a creative approach and challenge stereotypical representations of law and justice. Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup>: \$500 (student) and \$200 (their school); 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$200; 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$100, plus further prizes (see website); Info:

[www.victorialawfoundation.org.au](http://www.victorialawfoundation.org.au) and go to Law Week and find Poster Competition for information and form; Closing Date: 13 March 2009.

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## CAREER NEWS (CONT'D)

WHEN CAN I CHECK OUT UNIVERSITIES AND TAFE'S? OPEN DAYS, held mainly in August, are one of the best opportunities. It is important that you visit institutions where you may wish to study. Some courses like art, design, music, drama and related courses can involve an audition, interview and/or folio presentation as part of the selection process, so attendance at Open Days is VITAL. During an interview you may be asked what you learned about the course at Open Day – a difficult question to answer if you didn't attend. The dates are provided now; put them in your diary and treat them as a priority.

DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MONASH UNI? If you answered, 'Yes', then the 'At Monash' seminar series is for you. This is a series of seminars about Monash courses and graduate outcomes, commencing with:

- Science on Tues 31 March
- Arts & Humanities on Wed 1 April (both at the Clayton campus, commencing at 6.30pm).

The next seminar in the series is in May; you will be advised of dates as they get closer. For more info and to book online, and to obtain details about other sessions, go to:

[www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash](http://www.monash.edu.au/study/events/atmonash); Phone Info: 9903 4758; Email: [valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au).

PARENTS HELP WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S CAREER CHOICE - Box Hill Institute is holding a Parent Information Evening where you can talk with staff about your child's future and get help in making choices with them. The TAFE system will be explained, find out about the range of options and the more personalised teaching environment. When: 6-9pm, Wed 25 March (info. sessions at 6.30 and 7.45pm with time to talk to staff); Where: Box Hill Institute, Elgar Auditorium; Bookings: Catrin Harris, 9286 9987, email [parents@phtafe.edu.au](mailto:parents@phtafe.edu.au); Info: [www.boxhillinstitute.edu.au](http://www.boxhillinstitute.edu.au); Supper, and parking available.

WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT MELBOURNE UNI?

Information sessions for prospective students/families are being held throughout Victoria. Find out about the Melbourne Model, courses, admissions, scholarships, career outcomes, Access Melbourne (special entry scheme), accommodation and overseas exchange. When/where-All 6.30-8.00pm: Wed 25 March, Mentone Grammar, 63 Venice St; Tues 5 May, Novotel Glen Waverley; Wed 13 May, Glen Waverley Secondary College; Wed 6 May: Ultima Function Centre, Keilor; Tues 12 May, Manningham Function Centre, Doncaster; also sessions at Shepparton, Wangaratta, Bendigo and Sale - for further information and to register see [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne); Info: 1800 801 662.

(All information included in Career News is taken from information received in the Careers Room from universities, TAFE institutes, employer groups, Careers in-service activities, and a Careers newsletter prepared by Martin Walker. All effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this information.)

Michael Hilt

Careers Coordinator

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

### Lockers

Students must have a padlock on their locker. It is not an option for students to carry bags into classes. There are occupational health & safety issues as well as security issues. Students need to look after their locker and report any damage to the relevant year level coordinator.

### Photos - Update

All photos should now have been completed. ID photos have

been slightly delayed as we are finalising our data base for bus routes and also for early leavers passes in the senior school. These will be available shortly. If parents wish to purchase photos at any stage during the year they need to contact National School Photography on 9428 9420 for orders and payment. Any student who has missed their photo will have an individual shot taken at school and the school will organise an ID photo.

### Digital Citizenship - A Presentation for Families incorporating 'Cybersafety'

Upwey High School has teamed up with Monbulk College and Emerald Secondary College to organise a special event for families on the important issue of *Digital Citizenship*. The presentation will include information relating to 'Cybersafety', and it will be delivered by an expert in this field, Ms Robyn Treyuvaud, founder of *CyberSafeWorld*. Robyn is an engaging speaker who will deliver a thought provoking and timely presentation on what it is to be a responsible 'digital citizen'.

The presentation will be on: **Monday 16 March 2009, 7.00pm at Monbulk College (Performing Arts Centre).**

The presentation is pitched at parents of secondary school students in Years 7 to 9. Parents of Grade 6 students in surrounding primary schools in the Dandenong Ranges are also warmly invited to attend. There is no cost to parents although families are welcome to make a gold coin donation on arrival. Places are limited so please register your interest at the general office for this important community event as soon as possible. Any queries, please contact Mick Sheehy preferably via email on: [sheehy.michael.d@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:sheehy.michael.d@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### Information Night (Year 11 Parents)

The Senior school team will be running an information night on Tuesday 10 March. This will take place in the Presentation Space starting at 7.30pm and concluding by 8.45pm. This will include an introduction to our intranet site.

## FIRST AID NEWS

### Year 10 Immunisation

All Year 10 students who didn't receive their immunisation on 20 February can now receive it on Thursday 12 March at 1.00pm. As the Shire of Yarra Ranges will be completing other vaccinations in the area, they have agreed to return and immunise the students who missed out on the original date.

Whilst this vaccination is important for all students, it is vital for students who will be attending the Central Australia camp at the end of March. I have organised extra consent forms, which are available from the First Aid office.

## IMMUNISATION PROGRAM 2009

22 APRIL 2009

Year 7 Girls

Gardasil 2nd dose

Chicken Pox

26 AUGUST 2009

Year 7 Girls

Gardasil 3rd dose

Hepatitis B 2nd dose

Year 7 Boys

Hepatitis B 2nd dose

If you have any queries regarding immunisation, contact Rose Thompson via e-mail at: [r.thompson@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:r.thompson@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)

Pauline Cram

First Aid Officer

## Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Upwey High School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on Thursday 26 February 2009.

**The ballot will close at 4 pm on Wednesday 11 March 2009.**

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2009 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2011.	4
DEECD employee member		2

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

### **Building works and disruptions to phone services and email/website**

The building program is nearing completion, but we have had a number of delays with the installation of our communication technologies, that is our phone services have been interrupted and disconnected internally, voicemail has not been always working correctly and the installation of our new computer infrastructure has been delayed, which has meant that staff have not had full access to email. This has also affected our access to our website (which is why we are still displaying 2008 documents).

Added to this, many of our key coordinators are not yet set up in their new offices, and are unable to access their normal files etc.

So, my apologies if you have had difficulties contacting the school thus far this year. We have assurances from the relevant contractors that we'll be up and running (totally) in the next few days.

**Tom Daly**

**Principal**